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What artist hand can truly portray,
The glories which June in one bright day
Throws lavishly o'er the radiant earth?
What canvas echoes the first faint flush,
Like the soft pink of a maiden's blush,
That tints the horizon at mornin'g's birth,
Or landscapes shimmering 'neath the glare
Of the noon-day sun? What can compare
With meadows purpling under clovers sweet,
Or the checker'd shades of the lazy brook
Where the cattle stand, and drowsy look
At the ripples murmuring round their feet?
Who can catch the sheen of a June night,
When the dusty roads lie still and white
'Nesth the moon, a burnished silvery shield?
When every rose gives a kiss to the breeze
And its rich fragrance wakes ecstasies
That o'er the soul a blissful charm doth wield?

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EVOLUTION.

[A paper read before the Social Science Club of Kansas and Western Missouri, by Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, R. W. A. G. M.]

"They say
The solid earth whereon we tread
In tracts of fluent heat began,
And grew to seeming, random forms,
The seeming prey of cyclic storms,
'Till at the last arose the Man."

In a very able paper read before this club one year ago, the writer attempted to prove that history repeats itself and that prehistoric civilization, at times, excelled that of to-day. To believe that man was aboriginally civilized and then suffered utter degradation in so many regions is to take a pitiable view of human nature. It is a more cheerful view, that progress has been more general than retrogression. We claim that there was an epoch in the life of humanity, which could have had no history. When man was little farther advanced than the beast. According to Darwin, at a remote epoch, the progenitors of man were in a transitional state and were changing from quadruped into bipeds. He traces by evolution from the lowest form of life, through an ascending scale, till man is gradually developed in the condition of the lowest savage, and that he has risen, though slowly and with frequent interruptions, from this

lowly condition to the highest standard in knowledge, morals and religion.

If we accept the theory of evolution, we believe that the earth had to go through successive stages to make it the fit abode of man. First, a fire mist, then a molten globe with mixed atmosphere; then it became encrusted, and around this encrusted globe were ocean flims; then by a continuance of erosive and modifying actions to the present, a constant changing and growing. First, only fitted as the abode of the lowest forms of life, and only after millions of ages becoming the abode of man. And as our earth grew from lower to higher, so animal life developed till man represents the highest forms of life. He is the fulfillment of the prophecy of the ages. The first vertebrate—the lowest Devonian fish—was a prophecy of man. In the amphibian, the reptile, the bird and the quadruped we find the successive modifyings and unfolding of the general plan leading up to man. The amphibian could but slightly raise his head, the reptilian head could be raised to a higher angle, the bird perched in an oblique attitude and raised his head, the ape could clumsily stand and wield a weapon in his hand; but man alone stands erect with comfort and ease. Here we find a progressive upward inclination of the spinal axis; vertical in man, the progress can go no farther. Earth has received her king!

"Some holier being dowered
With lofty soul, capable of rule
And governance of all besides; a d man
At last had birth." * * * "And while all
Other creatures sought the ground,
With downward aspect groveling, gave to man
His port sublime and bade him seas, erect,
The heavens, and front, with upward gaze, the stars,
And thus earth's substance, rude and shapeless erst
Transmuted, took the novel form of Man."

Let us see man as he appeared in the long ages that elapsed from the time we find the first evidence of him, to the time when tradition and writing began to establish the acts of his existence. Scientists were slow to believe that the flint objects found in the Quaternary rock were made by human hands. Even the great Cuvier, the inventor of Paleontology, would not admit that man

existed in that remote antiquity; but later discoveries show man existed myriads of years before historic times. Beneath the lava beds of California lie mingled the bones and rude implements of men, together with the mammoth and mastodon. East of the Rocky Mountains the bones of the ancient proboscideans have been found so near human bones, as to afford strong evidence that they were contemporary. On the banks of the Ashley River human bones, stone hatchets and arrow heads are found mingled with those of the mastodon and extinct gigantic lizards. In the museum of De. Ste Germain, and other museums, are many objects that have been found in the grottoes of the cave dwellers of Europe. By these remains we strive to learn something of the intellectual, moral and religious life of these people; and only through them can we learn anything of their character, customs and surroundings.

This primeval man was short in stature his skull was elongated, showing a low degree of intelligence, his hair was long and straight, growing low on his forehead, his eyes were small, he had prominent brow and jaws, and his nose was flat. His food was the flesh of the hyena, horse, reindeer and rat, sometimes cooked, but oftener eaten raw; his only occupation was hunting and fishing; his only weapon the stone spear, the rude bone scraper, and bone club. His only covering was the skin of the animal he had killed. He dwelt in a rude cave, and the only evidence that it was other than the wild beast, was that infallible sign of man's presence, that great discovery of man that places him so far above the brute creation fire.

Prof. Wallace says, "from the moment when the first skin was used as a covering, when the first rude spear was formed to assist in the chase, when fire was first used to cook his food, when the first seed was planted, a grand revolution was effected in nature, a revolution which in all previous ages of the world's history had had no parallel; for a being has arisen who was no longer necessarily subject to change with the changing universe, a being who was in some

degree superior to nature, inasmuch as he knew how to control and regulate her action, and could keep himself in harmony with her, not by a change in body, but by an advance in mind."

Man mainly owes his predominant position to his intellectual faculties. Even in the rudest state of society, the individual who was most sagacious, who invented the best weapons, or traps; who was best able to defend himself, took the lead.

The families or tribes that included the greatest number of men thus endowed would increase and supplant other tribes. Little care was given to the weak or maimed, they were soon eliminated, leaving only the "survival of the fittest" to perpetuate the race. Thus the men of the rough stone age were upplanted by those of the polished stone, then by those of the bronze age, who were in turn supplanted by men of greater stature, and more powerful; who excelled those who had passed before them by the superiority in their arts.

The problem of the advances from savagery to civilization is too difficult to be solved. The evidence that all civilized nations are descendants of barbarians consists of traces of their former low condition in still existing customs, beliefs and languages; and that savages have been able to raise themselves independently in the scale of civilization. In the earliest times there seems to have been no attempt at dwelling in towns or tribes, each family sought its own cave, but during the age of Polished Stone we find the remains of the "Kitchen Middens" and "Lake Dwellers" showing that a considerable number of people collected together, probably for mutual protection and assistance. They were without organization, had no rudiments of art, and no object in life except to provide for the immediate necessities of life by hunting and fishing. As ages roll by this stage is succeeded by the pastoral when herds of cattle and swine were fed on pasture land, and with this comes the idea of personal property. Then too, man has more time for leisure, reflection, and consequently intellectual development; he improves and passes into the agricultural stage, wherein men are tillers of the soil, cultivating fields, spinning flax and using a loom for weaving cloth, among whom are developed the elements of social life, involved in the home, and all the ideas of individual property in land.

Daniel Wilson, says: "We trace our way back to the first progressive efforts of reason, and find primeval man, in a state of nature, in the midst of abundance pertaining to a fertile climate, which rather stimulates his aesthetic faculty, than enforces him by any rigorous necessity to cultivate the arts for the purpose of clothing and building. Thus employing his intellectual leisure, he begins that progressive evolution which is as consistent with his natural endowments as a rational being as it is foreign to the instincts of all other animals. He increases and multiplies, spreads over the face of the earth, clears its forests, makes its rivers and

seas his highways, and its valleys his fertile fields and pasture lands. Cities rise with all the fostering influences of accumulated wealth and settled leisure, and with all the stimulating influences of acquired tastes and luxurious desires."

There is no evidence that man was aboriginally endowed with a belief in the existence of an omnipotent God; but there is evidence that he early awakened to a sense of awe and wonder at the forces of nature, extending to a vague fear of some almighty power over all. Probably the earliest faculties to be developed, were imagination, wonder, and the reasoning powers. He began to speculate on his own existence. It is possible his dreams may have given rise to the notion of spirits, and through this he may have begun to view himself as having a double essence, a spiritual as well as a corporal, and this belief could easily pass into a belief in the existence of other spirits or Gods, such as the sun, the moon, the lightnings and storms. Then came the desire to worship and propitiate these Gods.

The daily death of the sun, and his daily rising again may have spoken to these crude people of their own journey toward the setting sun, and suggested the thought that as it died and rose again, they too would live again.

Throughout Europe are found many grotto graves, remains of the Stone Age. In all are found the bodies facing the west, and placed in a squatting position, the knees well drawn up, the head resting on the breast. It has been poetically said that this conched position of the dead has a symbolic meaning, viz: That it was meant to imitate the position of the child before entering this life and as such to enfold the hope of resurrection in the act of entombment.

Whether this be the true interpretation of this, we know not, but there cannot but be some significance in the position, and placing the dead facing the west, surrounded by those articles used in life. In one of these graves, that of an old man, were found, a flint-scraper and bone needle, a flint axe with bone handle, a bracelet made of wolves teeth, loving gifts from wife, son and daughter. Do not these mute remains suggest the thought that these savage people were awakening to a belief in a life beyond the grave?

The origin of religion is enshrouded in darkness and is a mere speculation. Authentic history does not go back to the primitive religions of mankind. That of the Egyptians, Assyrians, Babylonians, Jews and Chinese are the first of which we find record. The Egyptians worshipped the powers of nature. The sun, the moon, the planets, fire, the river, and storms were all supposed to exercise a mysterious power over human destiny. To these powers they gave names and worshipped them as Gods. To them they erected temples, raised statues and made sacrifices. They believed in a future state of rewards and punishments "according to the deeds done in the body." They believed also in animal wor-

ship and in transmigration of souls—that the souls after death passed through a long series of animals, until their sins were expiated, when the purified souls, after thousands of years, perhaps, passed into the old body again. Thus arose the custom of embalming the bodies.

From the inscriptions on monuments, we infer that the Assyrians, Babylonians and Phœnicians had a Polytheistic religion, but not so complicated as the Egyptians. They worshipped many Gods, but over all was one of higher rank, who had supreme power over the other Gods. This Deity in Assyria was Asshur, his supremacy in the celestial hierarchy corresponds with Zeus of the Greeks and with Jupiter of the Romans.

As early, if not earlier, is the Bible record of the Jewish religion the chosen people of God, to whom was entrusted the sacred prophecy which was to prepare the world for the coming of the Christ.

Dr. Lord says: "There can be no such thing as progressive religion, except so far as mankind grow to realization of its lofty principles. There has not been and will not be any improvement on the ethics and spiritual truths revealed by Jesus the Christ, but they will remain forever, the standard of faith and practice."

ALL AROUND THE HOUSE.

Fancy workers who happen to own old linen home spun sheets, such as are put away in forgotten trunks in many an old garret, may think themselves fortunate, says the *Home Maker*, for modern materials are better subjects for needle work. If a sheet of this kind is in good order, it can be made into a beautiful quilt by making it very much smaller, as an ornamental bed cover is not designed to tuck in or hang very far over. The edge on each side may be fringed out and tied, or the edges may be hemmed and a slightly gathered frill of torchon lace added. Far enough from the edge to come within the square defined by the mattress a broad pattern in large design is drawn and worked in outline stitch with heavy rope silk in one or at most two shades. In the middle of the quilt, outline with the same color a large shield. Within this shield work a name or initials and darn all the plain part of the shield with a contrasting shade of silk.

If a sheet is too far demoralized to use in this way, it may be torn into strips and each strip decorated with a running pattern in outline stitch. These strips are hemmed and joined to alternate strips of antique or torchon lace inserting, or the inserting may be knitted or crocheted, if time is not a paramount object.

For bureau covers, toilet mats, chair scarfs and cushions, this old linen is admirable. At some of the exchanges for woman's work, highly decorated curtains are shown of the same material, which hangs in beautiful folds.—*Manford's Magazine*.

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THE LESSON OF THE FIRST DEGREE:

We have heard of a fair Jewish maiden
Who lived in the days of the Past,
But whose memory and name will be cherished.
As long as Time's record shall last.
She stands as the fairest of thousands
In the beauty and strength of her youth,
As a stone richly polished, whose luster
Adorns the fair temple of Truth.

Among the rich stores of the Orient,
Cluster virtues as jewels most rare,—
Faith, hope, love and patient devotion—
Gems worn by the heroines there.
Here are treasured brave deeds of warriors,
Those who fell in defense of the right;
But, with heart and with voice, we'd pay tribute
To the maiden who "died in the light."

From this legend of old we would gather
A moral to weave in our verse,
As with heartfelt and tender emotion
We this story of trial rehearse.
So we learn from this maiden of Mizpah
How binding the force of a vow,
And the lesson of truth and devotion
We most reverently hearken to now.

We have knelt at an altar fraternal,
Illumed by The Star in the East;
We have pledged "comfort, aid and protection"
To all who partake of our feast.
In "charity, truth, loving-kindness,"
We are bound by a mystical tie,
Which links heart to heart in a union,
Whose claims let us never deny.

In a solemn and firm obligation,
We have promised no evil to say
Of those, who, in travelling life's labyrinth,
See the light of "The Star" on their way.
In a spirit of love most fraternal
Let us ever hold sacred our vow;
To fidelity never prove recreant,
Nor the least deviation allow.

As life's checkered scenes cross our pathway,
May truth ever brighten the way,
And the dark night of sin and of error
Be dispelled by the bright light of day.
As champions of honor and justice,
May we boldly stand forth for the right,
And, if in the conflict we perish—
If we die let us "die in the light."

Be the days of our pilgrimage many,
Or the years of our life be but few,
To our God, to ourself, to our fellow,
Let us ever prove faithful and true.
May we grow in the Heavenly Wisdom,
Be strong in the strength of God's grace,
And be clothed in the garment of Beauty,
Which we wear when beholding His face.

T. A. J.

A BIT OF HISTORY.

[By Past Grand Matron, Mary A. Hepler, on the occasion of the Fifteenth Anniversary of Olive Chapter, Fort Scott, Kansas.]

Thinking it would not be out of place, so near our fifteenth anniversary, to review the rise and progress of Olive Chapter, therefore if you will bear with me for a few moments, I will recall for the benefit more particularly of our recent initiates, the developments since our organization May 13, 1876; with a charter membership of sixty-five. I received the honors of the East, Sister Crow, the West; Sister Rush, the South; and, for our constitutional adviser and instructor, Brother D. W. Coxe, bearing the emblems of his Masonic relationship. With this combined knowledge and influence, which reflected the rays from Bethlehem's Star upon this little help-

less band; wandering in darkness, amid ignorance and errors, seeking light from the trestle-board in the symbolisms of the Eastern Star, as taken from its five heroines in Holy Writ, portraying Fidelity, Constancy, Purity, Hope and Fervency, cemented with the Square and Compass, Olive Chapter, then No. 48, "bid the mystic rays to enter in."

Only five of that number have been removed by death, others have journeyed elsewhere, lengthening the "chain" by contributing their efforts in other climes. Our records show eleven of that number with us still. That our efforts have weathered and survived the natural adversities common to all societies, our numbers to-day will bear evidence that our labors have not been in vain. We have initiated and affiliated since organization one hundred and seventy-six, and our membership to date number one hundred and thirty-four.

In taking the position of Worthy Matron, I felt a great responsibility resting upon me, realizing my ignorance and inability too well, to willingly assume the position of a presiding officer, whose duty it was to lead, when I myself should have been lead; it was practically "the blind leading the blind." But the Brother at my left, became the "power behind the throne," and you my sisters and brothers easy subjects to be lead. Thus we walked side (by side, steadily, unitedly and peacefully, each officer and member responding with promptness to the duties they were called upon to perform.

October of the same year, a call was made to organize a Grand Chapter, and your representative received the compliment, given to Olive Chapter, as the First Grand Matron of Kansas.

Previous to this, charters had been issued under what was called the "peddling system" until they numbered eighty. I soon found through my official duties, that over one-half of these were either in a chaotic condition or entirely extinct, and I was convinced that without some system could be established, to awaken an interest, disruption would necessarily arise, and prevent the ultimate success of any.

To remedy this, and to quickly legalize the Order under one head, namely the Grand Chapter of Kansas, I recommended at its first annual session, that all Chapters in this jurisdiction should return their old Charters, receiving a new one under the name and seal of the Grand Chapter, free of charge, which was unanimously adopted. Twenty Chapters with Olive, received as directed, new Charters as early as 1878. This mandate undoubtedly was the stepping-stone to the present harmonious condition of this Grand Jurisdiction.

During the first year's work, Olive Chapter provided a seal, jewels and regalia for all its officers. The seal was purchased from the Chapter fund; the jewels from an oyster supper given for that purpose; the regalia, then sash form, (13 in number) was purchased by the officers and presented by them to the Chapter at a cost of \$5.00 each,

Worthy Matron's \$15; making \$80.00 individually contributed. When the General Grand Chapter met in session, 1878, to revise a ritual, the collars as a regalia were then adopted, as was also our Worthy Matron's scarf.

About this time we, in Olive Chapter, instituted the banquet for each meeting, which has served us so charmingly by increasing the attendance, so much so, that in my first annual report in 1887, I suggested its adoption in the various Chapters. It is the gathering around the same board, the interchange of thoughts and sentiments, the social enjoyments, which brings us close together, and from all I have been able to gather thus far, it has proven every where satisfactory.

In looking back over intervening years, while nothing of importance occurs to my mind, worthy of note, yet we have great reason to congratulate ourselves, that while our numbers did not rapidly increase, no discord or dissension has ever arisen to mar the peace and harmony. However, the years of 1883 and 1884 the interest began to wane, and I felt that the time had arrived when our thoughts and labors required a wider range, that we should grasp some of the more sublime principles promulgated in the landmarks of the Order. Experience had taught me that "work" was the great "leveler", I therefore called the corps of officers together, suggested a plan of robing, hoping to inspire an attendance, which resulted in our hall being filled. It became whispered abroad that Olive Chapter had introduced a "new departure" and being so much pleased with this "departure" ourselves, it was soon made apparent that the initiation ceremony was not complete, without them, from this date our membership has rapidly increased. Sister Chapters after visiting us, returned to their homes, doing likewise. Olive Chapter has not only established the use of robes throughout her own, but several other States as well, have also adopted them. I have been solicited and have sent patterns with model, to Chapters in Illinois, Dakota, Missouri, California and Iowa, have also supplied the Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, also the Grand Secretary of Kansas with same, and through their extensive correspondence, the time is not far distant when they will be in general use.

The use of robes was suggestive of other effective additions in the ceremonies; not interfering with the prescribed ritual, I had no hesitancy in introducing the additional suggestions, knowing that no reflections could be cast upon you, as introducing innovations. We especially turned our attention toward beautifying the initiation ceremony with the music, and rendered the Work before the Grand Chapter, 1888, in such an effective manner that the highest encomiums that any work could receive, was bestowed upon Olive Chapter. Having been appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter, as one of a committee to again "revise the rit-

ual," and report the same in 1889, it was but natural that I should desire the work as rendered by you, introduced in the revised edition.

When the committee met to consult and review the many suggestions that had been sent them, from various sources, I took pride in having you, Olive Chapter, exemplify the work for the inspection of that committee, the result being, that *all our forms* were transcribed in, and became a part of that "Revised Ritual" as adopted and authorized by the General Grand Chapter at the session held in Indianapolis, September 25 and 26, 1889.

My sisters and brothers, could greater honor be conferred upon a Chapter than this? Is it any wonder then, that I ask you to persevere and not let your zeal abate, when from you, so much has been maintained and established? Let me counsel you, after having won such laurels, to always be on the alert, "keep your lamps burning and ready," to you, every eye points, from you, the Order will expect perfect work, it is right they should.

My associations with you the fifteen years just past, have been years of pleasure, nothing of note seemingly to cross the horizon to mar or interrupt our fraternal relations; ten of those years you honored me with the highest office within the gift of your Chapter. My aim was to treat you with courtesy and respect our associations demanded; in return I have always received marked respect. My requests seemed to be your pleasure; that there were not others, among you, who could have served you as well as myself, had you chosen and rendered to them the same co-operative assistance and indulgence, would be egotism. When I call to mind, the many acts of kindness and attention, the Order has lavished upon me; the presentation some years since of the elegant and appropriate "jewel", made doubly dear by being the gift of the "loved ones at home," and now, at the "crystal" session of the Grand Chapter to confer upon me as Senior Grand Matron, the compliment of passing a resolution, to deify my life expenses to and from the sessions; and, I was also appointed one of the committee toward establishing a "Masonic Home" in the State; then, the "surprise" home greetings from so many loving hearts, all of which tends to inspire one with affection and gratitude; Why should you not be near and dear to me. I pray that I may so act and live, that I shall never forget or become unworthy of the confidence you have reposed in me; the short-comings, be they great or small, we will shield, with the mantle of Charity, and bask in the sunshine of that which lies before us. Whatever honors I have received, the credit is due to Olive Chapter alone, whose love, courtesy and fidelity have been the "guiding star"; to you then, let me, tender thanks.

This is the past, the future will be what you each individually and collectively will make it. Our next meeting will be the beginning of a new period, our prospects are

bright for a ripe and prosperous harvest. You have now at your helm a good corps of officers. Give them your unbounded support. A strict and faithful observance under all circumstances to the obligations and vows you took upon yourselves, when you became members of this Chapter should guide and direct you in the faithful discharge of the various duties you have assumed. Be cautious in the use of the "secret ballot", justify your action upon the true merits and virtues of the petitioner for the mutual good and prosperity of your Chapter.

Use the "black," ball only, for the unworthy and unreliable; never perjure yourselves for the gratification of personal feelings, prompted by envy, malice or petty dislikes; exemplify your obligation by discriminating between the two.

If you want continued prosperity, stand firmly by these obligations, and the cardinal principles of the Order, keep them always in view, apply them in your every day life, without as well as within the Chapter room; respond with promptness and courtesy to all duties you may be called upon to perform. Let your attachments be sincere, let no contentions arise; be true and trusty to yourselves; foster love and charity. We naturally have differences of opinion, but when tempered by charity, loving-kindness and truth, harmony and success will prevail, such efforts must receive its crown. At every annual installation it is your duty to enter into a compact, renewing your pledges to work together for the mutual interests of the whole, giving due homage to the East, as the East, losing sight of the individual whom you place there. Every officer should be punctual in attendance; memorize and study the ritual with care; become proficient as rapidly as possible in every part of the work if you assume it.

"United you will stand,

Divided you will fall."

My sands of life have turned, how much longer it will be my pleasure to meet the welcome faces before me, it is well that we know it not.

"Yet still I say to thee,

Fear not, and trust in Providence."

God grant that, as each "link" adds strength to our "golden chain"; so from Olive Chapter, shall radiate the light, purity and joy of its noble heroines to the Order of the Eastern Star; and "when your earthly mission is over, and you are beyond the smiling and the weeping", may you be there crowned as

"Fairest among thousands, altogether lovely."

MEN AND WOMEN'S WORK.

[Laura A. Smith in Indianapolis Sentinel.]

Thousands of women every year are forced by stern necessity to carefully measure their talents against their ambitions and to select for themselves a profession. In making her selection generally a woman does not consider whether the work in which she wishes to engage belongs to man or woman; but whether her capabilities will fit her for it. If she selects a branch of work whereof man

has heretofore been the monopolist she is constantly asked by some cigarette fiend to explain what she means by trying to do a man's work, and if she isn't afraid she will learn to swear, smoke and chew. In answer she can complain with justice that she is obliged to go outside of what is generally known as woman's sphere to find work, for men are doing the work that has always been designated as women's work, and they are crowding women out. The kitchen, properly speaking, is woman's throne and cooking her scepter; yet go into the large hotels, restaurants, steamers, cars and the private houses of millionaires, in fact any place where fine cooking is required, and you will find men cooks. The largest hotels and restaurants employ men as waiters, and they are employed as chamber-maids on steamers and railway sleepers.

Men have been found to carry out carpets and beat them and lift heavy furniture so much better than women that every woman who has the means employs a man to help clean house. In California the Chinamen are employed as "hired girls," and they form a large portion of the washee-washee element in almost every large city. When the fashionable woman with a bag of ducats wishes to replenish her wardrobe she goes abroad and entrusts the making of her dress to WORTH or some other man modiste. If she cannot go abroad she patronizes some man dressmaker at home, or in emergencies turns her dressmaking over to the tailor.

Some of the most exquisite hats in existence are the results of manly brains, and men can run a sewing machine with so much more ease than women that they are taking the bread out of their sister's mouths in that line of work.

Has any one ever paused to consider the effect that this taking of women's places will have upon the men? Will they not become effeminate and want to don dresses? Suppose they should cultivate nerves and hysterics and all the foolishness of which women are accused? What is to become of the women if the men insist on taking their places as household drudges? Does not necessity compel them to educate themselves for higher work and enter the various professions?

GRAND CHAPTER OF MINNESOTA FOR 1891.

The Grand Chapter met in its fifth annual session in Masonic Temple, in Duluth, May 13, at 2 p. m. It was opened in full form by Grand Matron Louise E. Jacoby, assisted by Grand Patron, Andrew P. Swanstrom, and the Associate Grand Officers. There were twelve Grand Officers present, and representatives from nineteen Chapters; also one Past Grand Matron and one Past Grand Patron. M. W. G. M., Nettie Ransford, was also present. The address of the Grand Matron was then read. She says:

"I extend to you each and all a fraternal greeting; and to those who are meeting with us for the first time, whose desire is for more light and knowledge of the Order, we extend a cordial welcome.

May all self-interest be lost in the seeking to uplift and promote the interest of our Order, giving us all a common ground upon which we may meet as with one accord.

One year ago, at your solicitation, I assumed the duties of Grand Matron for the second time, though failure to discern my duty may have sometimes been a barrier between me and what I desired to achieve.

I have the consciousness of having made an honest effort, and of having used the light that was given me for the edification of Him who gave it. Whatever inharmonies may have arisen, let us leave them with the period to which they belong—the past. Let us not carry them as a dead weight to impede our progress in the work of the opening year.

Set upon them the seal of forgetfulness, and may no memory record them.

In individual lives there are review days, or days of retrospection, when we look into our life-book to find how we stand with ourselves and with the world. In the summing up we do not base our estimates upon what we have gained in externals, but upon what we are—the achievements of character which shall endure. The rule that works for good in individual progress, must also be applicable to institutions made of individuals.

And at this, our annual meeting, let us strive to estimate our progress as an Order by these results which go to build up character. First let us ask ourselves have we endeavored to lesson injustice by banishing it as an unwelcome guest from our own midst? Have we, as a body, tried to uplift humanity by throwing out that light of divine love, which shines from the lamp of an unselfish heart? Have we by our own lives proven to others the profitableness of an upright life? If, in short, justice, truth, uprightness and love, have been our aim, even though we have missed the perfect goal, I think we may write the word *success* at the close of this year's account, and proceed with renewed courage into the work and pleasure of the coming year.

I beg to acknowledge the invitations from sister States to attend the meetings of their Grand Chapters: Ohio, Kansas, Michigan, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Indiana, Wisconsin. Only on one occasion have I had the pleasure to accept, and that was at the organization of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin. The 'Most Worthy Grand Matron' installed the officers, and I had the honor and pleasure to act as Grand Marshal. I also had the pleasure of meeting Sister Pitkin, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and other distinguished guests.

The Grand Matron visited several Chapters, installed the officers of three, and assisted in the organization of two new Chapters. She also granted several dispensations which were approved by the Grand Chapter.

The address of the Grand Patron was necessarily quite lengthy, and we regret that space forbids its entire reproduction, as full report is made of matters of interest in that jurisdiction. However, we gather here and there through it a few thoughts:

"One year ago, when you saw fit to bestow upon me the highest honor that can be conferred upon a brother, I accepted it with many misgivings. To take up the work which others had so successfully carried on before me, was no slight task to assume. The dark cloud that had so long been hovering over us had not yet receded far enough to let the silver lining that was just behind it, break through and shed its full rays upon us, and I doubted very much my ability to assist in so handling the wheel in the pilot house, that our bark would safely escape the breakers which seemed to threaten it on every side. But having accepted the important trust confided to me I determined to

perform the duties reposed to the best of my ability. The record is before you. It is for you to say whether it shall meet with your approval or rejection. If errors have been made, and to 'err is human,' they have been those of the head and not of the heart..

Many new faces are among us to-day for the first time; some of them, those whom we have known for a long time to be members of our Order, but cruel fate, or some other cause, had decreed that we should be on opposite sides of the fence. To those who have thus come in with us, we extend a most hearty and fraternal welcome, and I sincerely hope that our actions, which should speak louder than words, will make them feel that they have cast their lot in pleasant places, that here we know no law but loving kindness and forbearance one towards another. I hope that a resolution will be immediately passed and adopted, according to them the same rights, honors and privileges which they were possessed of in the old organization.

This Grand Body will be called upon to grant seven new charters at this session. The new Chapters thus to be credited are all active, and will no doubt see to it that the rays from their respective stars shine with undiminished lustre in their localities. To those Chapters who are to-day, for the first time, to be clothed with full power and authority, I want to say a word or two: In granting you charters, you take upon yourselves new duties. To perform those duties well, requires constant effort and a watchfulness over yourselves that never sleeps. There should be a firm determination on the part of each, that your labors should be made interesting and instructive; that they shall not be confined to the mere ceremony of opening, closing and conferring degrees, but shall be directed to mutual instruction, to the cultivation of the social virtues, and acts of kindness, and to the practice of an earnest and active beneficence.

The year that has ended was laden with very many blessings which we, as a Grand Chapter, should fully appreciate. Foremost among them is the official recognition which your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, has received from the respective heads of the General Grand Chapter, which appear more fully in other portions of this address.

I believe I can truthfully say that the Order was never in a more prosperous condition in this State than at the present time. At our last annual meeting our membership was eight hundred and twenty-two; to-day it numbers one thousand one hundred and thirty; certainly not as much of an increase as we might desire, perhaps, but enough to show that we are still active."

The Grand Patron gave a detailed report of the efforts for a Convention to consolidate the Order in that jurisdiction, which would be incomplete if not given in full, and for which we have not space. The regret is that the efforts were unsuccessful, as the recently issued proclamation of the General Grand Chapter officers show. Two of the Chapters that had held allegiance to the other Grand Body were represented. One of these was the Chapter in which Sister Victoria C. Little, Grand Matron of the old Grand Chapter held her membership, however she severed her membership just prior to the passage of the resolution, which changed its allegiance. The Grand Patron paid several official visits. He reports the organization of five new Chapters and two added Chapters by exchange of charters. He also organized two Chapters in Wisconsin under authority of the Most Worthy

Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, and was present at the organization of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

Although not in the regular order of business, the presentation of a beautiful jewel to the Grand Matron by the Grand Patron, was greatly enjoyed, and when Brother Walker followed by a like remembrance to the Grand Patron, it was decided that honors were easy. There has been initiated during the year three hundred and forty-eight, making a membership of one thousand one hundred and twenty-one. The receipts for the year were \$823.68 Disbursements, \$477.31, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$345.37.

The following standing committees were appointed by the Grand Matron:

Credential—Sisters Johns, Willard and Brother Joerns.

Finance, Ways and Means—Sisters Vandergrift, Schlener and Brother Brookings.

Unfinished Business—Sisters Eddy, Barke and Brother Hess.

Pay Roll—Sisters Taylor, Markham and Brother White.

Jurisprudence—Brother Baldwin and Sisters Gearhart and Palmer.

Appeals and Grievances—Sisters Price and Williamson and Brother Gibbs.

Dispensations and Charters—Brother Markham and Sisters Baldwin and Lancaster.

Foreign Correspondence—Sister Mattie Frink.

The Grand Officers were installed by Most Worthy Grand Matron, Nettie Ransford, assisted by Julia Czeikowitz, Worthy Matron of Constellation Chapter, St. Paul.

W. G. M., Mrs. Louise E. Jacoby, Minneapolis.

W. G. P., Andrew P. Swannstrom, St. Paul; A. G. M., Emma E. Forsythe, Brainard; A. G. P., N. A. Gearhart, Duluth; G. Sec. Mrs. Ida M. Wing, Minneapolis; G. Treas., Mrs. Kate N. Davis, Duluth; G. C., Mrs. Lillie Mason, Excelsior; G. A. C., Mrs. S. A. Higgins, Albert Lea; G. Adah, Sister Kate N. Hardy, Monticello; G. Ruth, Sister Blanche Grant, Tracy; G. Esther, Sister Nellie M. Markham, Rush City; G. Martha, Sister Lucy D. Wakefield, Hutchinson; G. Electa, Sister Sander-son; G. Warder, Sister Suetta Echenbeck, Waseca; G. Sentinel, Brother Wm. Core, Minneapolis; G. Lecturer, Sister S. E. Milham, St. Paul; G. Organist, Sister Blanche Patton, Duluth; G. Marshal, Sister Anna E. Walker, St. Anthony Park.

The next meeting of the Grand Chapter will be held in Minneapolis.

On the first evening of Grand Chapter, May 13, by invitation, the work was exemplified by the officers of Zenith Chapter, Duluth. The officers of the Star were robed, though the robes were not made for the occasion, they were very appropriate. The work was rendered in such a manner as to deserve and win commendation from all. Each officer seemed imbued with the spirit of the work which was evidenced by the impressive rendition. Too often the Worthy Patron excuses himself from memorizing the work because of other duties, but Brother

Patton is not after that style for he set the example for excellence in work in every particular.

Nor was Zenith Chapter less efficient when on the second evening of the meeting the social side of her nature was turned toward the guests. She has a lovely home in Masonic Temple, which is beautiful and complete, no part of which is considered too sacred for the use of the Chapter. Following the close of the Chapter an elegant banquet was served. The tables were made lovely with floral offerings, five appropriately filled stars telling their part in the festivities, while at each plate was a floral gift. After the "Menu" was considered, with W. B. Patton, W. P., as toast Master, the following literary feast was served:

"Our Visitors".....T. W. Hugo.
The Grand Chapter.....A. P. Swanstrom.
"The Eastern Star,"

M. W. G. M. Mrs. Nettie Ransford.
"The Eastern Stars related to Masonry,"

L. D. Boynton.
"The future policy of our Order in our State,"

J. R. Walker.
"The Brothers".....Mrs. Sarah Williamson.
America

GRAND CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS FOR 1891.

The Grand Chapter held its fifteenth annual meeting in Odd Fellows Hall, No. 11 Pleasant St., Worcester, commencing Tuesday, May 12, at 10 o'clock a. m., with the following named officers present: G. M., Mrs. A. M. Harrington, Worcester; G. P., Frank E. Shaw, Cambridge; A. G. M., Mrs. L. J. Provin, Westfield; A. G. P., Henry C. Savage, North Adams; G. Sec., Daniel Seagrave, Worcester; G. Treas., Mrs. L. L. Goodenough, Easthampton; Mrs. Helen A. Atkins, Charlestown; as G. Chap.; Mrs. F. K. A. Barrows, Allston; G. Con.; A. G. C., Mrs. Emily E. Marden, Boston; G. Marshal, Mrs. A. W. Barton, Worcester; G. Lecturer, Charles C. Dike, Stoneham; P. G. M., M. O. Davis, Worcester; as G. Adah; G. Ruth, Mrs. Mary J. Russell, E. Douglas; G. Esther, Mrs. J. M. Goddard, Millbury; G. Martha, Mrs. Mary P. Lloyd, Gloucester; G. Electa, Mrs. Etta Perry, Somerville; G. Warder, Mrs. E. A. Singer, Melrose; G. Sentinel, H. F. Ball Ashland. The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, after which Mrs. A. L. Stewart, W. M. of Stella Chapter, in well chosen words, bid the members and visitors of the Grand Chapter a cordial welcome, and extended the fraternal greetings of Stella Chapter, inviting all to be the guests of Stella, during their stay in the city. The Grand Matron, Sister Harrington, in behalf of the Grand Chapter, courteously responded, accepting the hospitalities offered with thanks and kind words.

The following committees were then appointed:

On Jurisprudence—P. G. P., R. C. Huntress, Stoneham; Mrs. Mary P. Lloyd, Mrs. Carrie W. Bates.

On Finance—John P. Loring, Mrs. E. A. Shade, Mrs. Helen A. Atkins.

On Credentials—P. G. P., G. C. Fiske, P. G. M., Josie A. Crane, Mrs. M. H. Black.

Mrs. R. Emily Little, Charlestown, was appointed assistant Secretary. The Grand Matron then read her official report, which was full of wise thoughts, and kind and encouraging words to members of the Order.

The Grand Patron presented a lengthy address, covering a large amount of business transacted during the year. The reports were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

At 12:30 o'clock a recess of one hour was taken and the members and visitors were escorted to Horticultural Hall, where dinner was served to over two hundred people, the guests of Stella Chapter.

At the opening of the afternoon session the beautiful floral work of the Order was exemplified by the officers of Stella Chapter in a very impressive manner, eliciting such praise from all present.

The report of the Grand Secretary was then presented and showed the membership of the Order in this State, January 1, to be 2,916, in twenty-seven active Chapters, a net gain of 421 over last year. Twenty members of the Order have passed from us to the great hereafter. Two Chapters were constituted during the year, Themis, at Athol, and Orient, at South Framingham.

The Grand Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$288.95, in the treasury.

Commissions were read appointing P. G. M., Anna E. Bullard, of Westboro, Grand Representative near this Grand Chapter for Vermont and California; and G. M., Anna M. Harrington, of Worcester, for Illinois, Ohio, Iowa, Michigan, Oregon, Nebraska, Washington, Minnesota and Connecticut.

Numerous letters of regret and kind greetings from officers of the General Grand Chapter, and from sister Grand Chapters, were read and ordered noted in the minutes.

The election of officers was next proceeded with, after which the following named elected and appointed officers for the ensuing year were very beautifully and impressively installed by the retiring G. M., Sister A. M. Harrington, assisted by G. Marshal, Sister A. W. Barton, and Sister Helen A. Atkins, as G. Chaplain: G. M., Sister Louise J. Provin, Westfield; G. P., Henry C. Savage, North Adams; A. G. M., Sister Carrie W. Bates, Orange; A. G. P., John P. Loring, Charlestown; G. Sec., Daniel Seagrave, Worcester; G. Treas., Sister L. L. Goodenough, Easthampton; G. Chaplain., Sister Helen A. Atkins, Charlestown; G. C., Carrie S. Fairbairn, Cambridge; A. G. C., Isadore Forbes, Westboro; G. Mar., Effie M. Carson, Westfield; G. Lec., Joseph W. Hill, Charlestown; G. Adah, Emily Bassett, Easthampton; G. Ruth, S. Addie Stone, Marlboro; G. Esther, Abbie J. Pratt, Melrose; G. Martha, Louise J. Long, Maynard; G. Electa, Lucy E. Fuller, Springfield; G. War., H. Angie Sweetzer, Stoneham; G. Sen., T. Perry Higgins, Boston. P. G. M., A. M. Harrington, was appointed Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The second day was devoted almost entirely to the reports of committees and the revision of the Constitution, in which many radical and important changes were made.

Duplicate charters were granted each Chapter for use at its meetings, that the original might be deposited for safety from fire or accident.

The Grand Secretary was directed to procure a suitable number of diplomas, of the design adopted by this Grand Chapter several years ago, for members of the Order in this State.

It was voted that the portrait of the Grand Secretary, Brother Daniel Seagrave, form the frontispiece of the proceedings of this meeting,—an honor very worthily bestowed. Brother Seagrave was elected Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter at the time of its organization in December, 1876, and filled the position with much credit to himself and honor to our Order, until the annual meeting held in May, 1879. Two years later he was elected Grand Secretary, and is now just entering upon his eleventh year of continuous service of such.

This session of the Grand Chapter, which closed at 3 p. m. on Wednesday, proved one of the most important, as well as one of the most harmonious within the annals of this Grand Chapter, and the members separated for their several homes with the hope of meeting one year hence, stronger, wiser, and better, for deliberations of this important meeting. R. E. S.

For The Eastern Star.

CLAUDIA PROCULA.

A recent writer says that "woman is not advancing as a sex in dealing with the real problems of life." He also says, that "if women are worthy of the suffrage which some advocate, they should give some evidence of their organic capacity to deserve it." Boastfully, he says, "man prevails by his intelligence, perseverance and wisdom." He then makes this confession that "four-fifths of all the politics is to take from the superhuman, the sagacious, what they have and give it to the vulgar."

In this last statement he has conceded all that equal suffragists have ever claimed. That there is a superhuman strength vouchsafed to woman, a sagacity which is like unto a sixth sense, stands recorded in every page of history. Calpurnia, striving to prevent her husband, Julius Cesar, from going to the Senate because of a dream. Joan of Arc marching to victory at Rheims because of a dream, are not the only instances of this superhuman gift.

We are forced to remember that awful night in Jerusalem, where one man who should have shown his integrity in that dreadful hour, came to Jesus and said, "Hail Master!" and kissed and betrayed Him. Then another man, one of the first who was called, weakly and shamefully turned his back upon Christ and said, "I know not the man." Here was an organized body of men sworn to lead the hosts of righteousness. What is their organic capacity did they do to stay the catastrophe which followed? Where was man's boasted perseverance when he could not keep awake to watch through one night? What wisdom did he display touching the prophecies of

old when confronted with the cry, "Crucify Him?"

When the Lord of Glory stood silent and answered never a word to the accusations of the Jews what man was there to step forward and say to the Roman Governor, "Give us our Christ and not a robber!"

Among all the blind and diseased cured by Christ's miracles, what man was there at this hour to lift up his voice in grateful testimony? Alas! it was then, as now, politic to take from the superhuman and give to the vulgar. Amid all that throng that crowded the council chamber when Pontius Pilate sat down on the judgement seat, only one voice was heard pleading for Jesus' life. It was Claudia, Pilate's wife! She did not say "I have organized a body of Roman matrons to carry my point." She did not even claim that it was in the interests of the Pagan religion in which she had been reared, nor that she had the slightest personal interest at stake. It was simply this: "I have suffered many things this day because of a dream. Have thou nothing to do with this just man!" Such was the message delivered to Pilate from this woman. She did not pause to relate her dream. But so overwhelming was the impression it had made upon her that she disregarded the august rules of that council chamber, ignored the servile position in which woman was then held, and like a priestess, patrician born as she was, she sent her command to the Roman governor, "Have thou nothing to do with this just man!"

From the hour that Peter with so little discretion rashly cut off Malchus, the high-priest's servant's ear, it would seem that the men had all been seized with a panic, and not even Pilate dared do more than cautiously to inquire of Jesus' persecutors, "Why, what evil hath he done?" and when Pilate saw that he would lose his own popularity if he tried to quell the tumult he took water and washed his hands to signify his neutral position, but soon found that with his own hands he must apply the scourge to the condemned, or be reckoned as his friend.

And so it has gone on from that day to this. Noble, refined, patrician woman, gifted with that divine presence which enables her to see the right, endowed with a superhuman courage to lift up her voice in council chamber, still pleads for the life of justice and righteousness in this world.

In the silent night watches it has been borne in upon her conscience that there is a message for her to deliver. By her pillow has stood that silent figure that answered not to Pilate, His voice whispering to her ear the secrets of the Universe. His hand pointing out the way by which His kingdom is to come. No wonder that she cannot reason the subject out. She calls it intuition. Men, and women too, deride her because she does not raise battalions and force open the doors of public opinion. Did Christ ever do His work in that manner? Never.

It is ever the still small voice heard sometimes in conventicles at Quaker settlements as with Anna Dickinson in the first flush of

girlish enthusiasm, sometimes with the staid matron, Lucretia Mott, at an abolitionist meeting, sometimes as Susan B. Anthony on the floor of the Senate, and sometimes as Frances E. Willard in the pulpit and on the rostrum, but wherever it may be it is still Claudia, Pilate's wife, the high-minded, fearless, patrician Roman matron, pleading because of her dream for the life of what is good, and pure, and just, for the reign of that which makes for righteousness. It is the superhuman, the sagacious, striving to prevent politics from taking what belongs to them and giving it to the low, the vulgar, the debasing.

Because governors and senators and priests paid no heed to Claudia Procula it does not follow that the "just man" whom she sought to save is dead, or that His cause is not advancing.

That she was permitted to speak in that dread hour is equal to a command that she was never thereafter to hold her peace, for the veil which was lifted to her in her dream is also lifted to all consecrated women. Man cannot wash his hands from guilt after receiving her warning.

The Greek church has canonized Claudia as a Christian Saint. Let us revere her followers.

M. SEARS BROOKS.

GRAND CHAPTER OF SOUTH DAKOTA FOR 1891.

The Grand Chapter held its third annual session in Masonic Hall, Webster, May, 12 and 13. The delegates and visitors were the guests of Lois Chapter, and they were met at the train and assigned to their temporary homes. The following Chapters were represented: Vesta Chapter, Watertown; Benlah Chapter, Flandreau; Lois Chapter, Webster; Crescent Chapter, St. Lawrence; Minerva Chapter, Aberdeen; Madison Chapter, Madison.

The addresses of the Grand Matron and Grand Patron were well written and interesting, and the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer show the finances to be in good condition. Considerable routine business was disposed of, and the Constitution and By-Laws revised. The work was exemplified and the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we, the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, for the State of South Dakota, hereby extend to Lois Chapter, No. 3, O. E. S., and Coteau Lodge, No. 54, A. F. and A. M., and the people of Webster, our thanks for their cordial hospitality during our stay in their pleasant city.

The following officers were elected and installed: Geo. A. Pettigrew, G. P., Flandreau; Mrs. J. M. McBride, G. M., Aberdeen; Frank Crane, A. G. P., Watertown; Mrs. John Norton, A. G. M., ———— Mrs. A. M. McCallister, G. Sec., Madison; Mrs. B. Fell G. Treas.

The social features were well looked after by Lois Chapter. On Thursday evening the Chapter and Masonic Fraternity gave to the delegates and visitors an informal reception. The welcome was tendered by J. C. Adams, and it was responded to by Grand Patron,

Pettigrew. A delightful literary and musical program was rendered and refreshments were served, after which the time was spent in social converse and getting acquainted.

On Wednesday evening a grand ball and banquet was given in honor of the occasion. About one hundred couples joined in the grand march, while for those who found no pleasure in tripping the light fantastic toe, was provided games, music and amusement of various kinds. At half past eleven they were called to enjoy a feast, wherein "the field, the lake, the forest, and the great cities had been made to contribute to the good thing for the delectation of the guests." After the elaborate and elegantly served menu was disposed of, Brother D. Williams, the Toastmaster, presented the toasts with appropriate sentiments in the following order:

The City—"Her ways are ways of pleasantness and all her paths are peace." Which was responded to by Mayor Ochsenreiter in a neat little speech, expressive of cordial greeting and welcome by the city to its guests. He adverted with very natural pride to the fact that Webster was, perhaps, the only town of its size in the United States that owned its own Masonic Temple from turret to foundation stone, and was out of debt—it was one of the characteristics of our bustling city to get here on all occasions. His remarks were well received.

The Officers of the Grand Chapter, O. E. S.—"The city delighted by their presence." Responded to by Past Grand Matron, Sister May H. Monks, in a few felicitous remarks that excited the mirth and approbation of the Grand Chapter delegates—especially Brother McCallister. As a literary effort it was the gem of the evening.

The Star—"May its lustre never be dimmed." This toast was responded to by Mr. L. G. Levoy in a manner highly creditable to that gentleman. He briefly recounted the history of the Order, speaking of its objects and benefits in a most entertaining and instructive manner. The response was listened to with the closest attention and encoored to the echo at his conclusion.

The Ladies of the Eastern Star—"Alas, my daughter! you trouble me; I have opened my mouth and cannot turn back!" Rev. J. M. McBride responded in a vein of wit and humor that set the whole table in a roar. The Rev. gentleman was both witty and eloquent and received the hearty approbation of the guests.

The Craft—"Hiram, the Architect, Did all the craft direct How they should build."

Responded to by J. C. Adams, who briefly adverted to mason-craft as one of the great moral levers for the elevation of mankind in modern times.

"The Grip"—was responded to by Dr. J. L. Harris. The good hits he made, the witty turns he gave to the words of the toast, were decidedly felicitous and afforded the guests lively amusement. It was an effort of which the Dr's friends are justly proud.

The Conclusion—"He ended; and a kind of spell upon his listeners fell." Was responded to in a few words expressive of the pleasure enjoyed in entertaining the visitors, by J. C. Adams.

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The Grand Chapter of Washington will hold its annual meeting this month.

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For so young a child THE EASTERN STAR is quite a traveler. It has subscribers in over forty States and Territories. Also in Europe, South America and China.

The invitation to attend the Annual May party of Queen Esther Chapter, Chicago, was received and appreciated. The Worthy Matron will accept thanks for her kindly remembrance.

Greatly to our regret a very interesting communication comes from Michigan just as we go to press. Too late for insertion in this issue. However it will be ready for the next number.

It seems like a leaf from the page of history long past, rather than that of to-day, when we read of Natalia, dethroned, divorced, bereft of child, home and of all that goes to make life on earth of value.

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THE EASTERN STAR has completed its third year and we congratulate our sisters Ransford and Metcalf upon so successful a completion. "The child" is a lusty one, and its voice is heard afar.—*Sarah J. LaTour in The American Tyler.*

The Grand Chapter of Nebraska will meet in Omaha, June 16. A very cordial invitation is received from the Grand Matron, which it will afford the senior of THE EASTERN STAR great pleasure to accept if it be possible to do so.

The Grand Chapter of New York will meet in its twenty-second annual session in the City of New York, June 2 and 3. The Most Worthy Grand Matron acknowledges the receipt of an invitation to attend and sincerely regrets her inability to be with them.

Grand Secretary Smythe nearly beat his own record in getting out proceedings this year. In less than two weeks the proceedings of the Grand Commandery, a pamphlet of over one hundred pages came to the desk of THE EASTERN STAR, and in less than a month the proceedings of the Grand Chapter O. E. S.

THE EASTERN STAR returns thanks to the friends who have so kindly contributed to its columns. The past month has been one of increased prosperity in both direction that go to make up success, and but for the kindly aid of the individual members of this fraternal family, the efforts to make it worthy of recognition and support would have been fruitless.

THE EASTERN STAR takes pleasure in welcoming to its home the friends who may visit the city. It felt honored in receiving one day last week calls from Past Grand Matron Comstock, of LaFayette, Past Grand Patron Kaiser, of Brookville; Worthy Matron and Patron Macomber, of South Bend; Past Patron Schofield of Evansville and Past Matron Hess, of Wabash.

A very kind invitation reached the Most Worthy Grand Matron from Brother Frank Spooner, D. M. W. G. P., to be present at the organization of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire. Also, extending the hospitality of Olive Chapter, Lancaster. The difficulty of being in two places at one time prevented attendance, as promise had previously been given to Minnesota.

In the peaceful calm and morning sunshine of Sunday, May 17, the earthly remains of Sister Clara M. Meredith, Past Matron, whose spirit took flight to a happier clime April 21, were laid to rest in the arms of mother earth. The beautiful service of the Order was performed by Queen Esther Chapter as the last sad rite.—K.

The Art Association closed its eighth annual exhibit at the Propylaeum, during the past month. The exhibit was considered the most successful given. Over two hundred pictures were placed on exhibition representing the work of various leading local and foreign artists. The association is slowly adding to its stock of pictures and some day hopes to open an art gallery. We are woefully deficient in having no art gallery or museum of arts in our city.

Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin has gotten out a "Member's badge" which differs from the other, in that it is suspended from the bar by chains, and the points are appropriately colored. Also the central figures are more prominently brought out. From the bar back of the badge is the five colored ribbon. This is not a recognition pin but a "member's badge," distinctively an Eastern Star badge, to be worn by the members during Chapter meetings. That it is the patent of a sister who has given years of service to the Order, is an added recommendation.

With the beginning of summer in many Chapters it is a custom to call off for the heated term. The idea seems to prevail that it is too warm to hold meetings. That the members will not attend and that the interest will die out. It is one of the customs that should not be observed, for it is in no wise helpful, and like all customs which lay hold upon either the individual or the organization, it is difficult to pass from under its influence. While the heat may to some degree lessen the number in attendance at Chapter meetings, and fewer may petition for the degrees, it will be the exception rather than the rule that the meetings will not be both pleasant and interesting. It is one of the things in which we should be found constantly equipped for service, for the "cry of the orphan and the call of want" may be heard at any moment, and the Chapter that is not ready to respond is failing in one of its greatest privileges. Beside the pleasures to be derived, the Chapter companionship is lost. Other things take the place of the meetings and other interests are kindled, so when again the work is resumed the flock is scattered and the winter months are reached before the work is under way. THE EASTERN STAR always votes against vacations.

We step into the fourth year of our life feeling assured that we were a welcome child in this fraternal family. We came in to being not knowing what trials awaited us on our journey through life. That there are trials in all lives is an assured fact, and the life of this is in no wise an exception to the rule. Oft times also the sorest trials are caused by those from whom should come helps and not hinderances. The three years past have been fraught with much of pleasure, and many have been the friends that have gathered to bid us welcome and by dropping handfuls of barley in the way have made it possible by gathering here a little and there a little, to get the needful supply for the monthly gleanings. Nor have they been unmindful in forwarding the substantial aid that oils the machinery of life and removes friction. We entered upon life to be of service to the Order of our inheritance, to be the messenger through whom the distant kindred might communicate. That in the measure of our life these objects have been attained is a self evident fact. No known duty has been neglected, no labor considered too great if thereby those whom

we sought to serve were made happier. The door of the future swings outward, and we trust within its hidden secrets there are for us enlarged opportunities for usefulness.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Sister Lydia Small, of Waltham, Massachusetts, is in the city visiting her niece, Mrs. Nellie S. Barnett.

Sister Mathews, P. M. W. G. M., and husband of Rockford, Iowa, have gone abroad for a three months' trip.

Sister Eliza Stephens, one of Queen Esther's charter members, and its first Secretary, is quite seriously sick.

Sister Mary Bradley, Past Matron of Decatur Chapter, was elected President of the department of Illinois, W. R. C.

Sister Louise Matlock, who has been out of the city for rest and recuperation, has returned home somewhat improved.

Sister Kate Johns, Worthy Matron of Zenith Chapter, Duluth, Minn., was formerly a member of Butler Chapter, Indiana.

Brother and Sister A. J. Salts, who have been visiting in Illinois and Indiana, have returned to their home in Corning, Iowa.

Sister Relia Winship, Worthy Matron of Milroy Chapter, who has been in the city since the meeting of Grand Chapter, under medical treatment, has returned to her home in Rushville.

The Secretary of Kokomo Chapter having resigned, Sister Laura A. Sawyer, who had served so efficiently since the organization of the Chapter, was called again into service.

Sister Nannie Crews, Worthy Matron of Muncie Chapter, is still seriously sick. We hope soon to be able to record her improved.

DR. SARAH STOCKTON.

It seems but yesterday that there dwelt among us no woman equally qualified in the profession to cope with man. Not so to-day, for side by side they receive knowledge, and side by side they benefit the world in dispensing that knowledge. Dr. Sarah Stockton is an Indianan. She was born near LaFayette, where her childhood was spent. She was graduated from the Woman's Medical College of Philadelphia, Pa. Following her graduation she spent some time at the Interne New England Hospital for women and children, and for a time after leaving there made her home in Chicago. Coming to this city she accepted a position at the Central Hospital for the Insane, which position she filled with marked credit for five and a half years. For the two years past she has practiced in this city, and when the place at the Reformatory for girls, and Female Prison, was made vacant by the resignation of Dr. Mary Smith, she received the appointment. There can be no question but that the board acted wisely in making this appointment. The Dr. commands the confidence of all with whom she comes in contact, and through the justice and good

sense of the women of Indianapolis she has acquired a large private practice. She also has accommodations for patients who desire treatment at her home.

Time was also, when the women failed to appreciate the fact that one of their own sex was as capable of giving intelligent medical service, as was her brother who had traveled the same road in search of knowledge. To say that this thought is wholly with the past would be wholesome, but untrue. However, it is fast passing away and will yield to the more enlightened thought of to-day, that woman's sphere is bounded alone by her ability, perseverance and endurance.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MATRON.

SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF INDIANA:—Why not extend the acquaintance among the members of the Order as well as cultivate its social features by holding O. E. S. picnics during the warm months? I believe it will add to the success of our work, in an increase of interest, aside from the pleasure attendant upon such occasions.

AUGUSTA V. HUNTER.

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHARITIES.

From the number of associations which hold their conventions in our city, one would think that Indianapolis is a regular "jiner." We no sooner bow out one gathering, than we bow in another. No larger convention has been held recently, than the national conference of charities and correction, which was in session from May 13, until May 20, at Plymouth Church. The executive committee consists of: Oscar C. McCulloch, President, Indianapolis, Ind.; Rev. S. H. Wines, Springfield, Ill.; Dr. Chas. S. Hoyt, Albany, N. Y.; Philip C. Garrett, Philadelphia, Pa.; Lucius C. Storrs, Lansing, Michigan; W. P. Letchworth, Treasurer, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. Isabel C. Barrows, official reporter and editor; Boston, Mass.; Alexander Johnson, Secretary, Indianapolis, Ind.

Every leading charity organization in the country was represented, and all creeds had a place on the program. Among the subjects discussed were "Public Out-door Relief," with papers by the Rt. Rev. Francis S. Chatard, Bishop of Vincennes, Indianapolis; Isaac P. Wright, St. Paul, Minn.; and Mrs. C. R. Lowell, New York. "The Care and Treatment of the Insane," papers by Dr. W. Fletcher, Indianapolis; Richard Dewey, M. D., Kankakee; Oscar Craig, N. Y.; and H. H. Giles, Madison, Wis. "The Child Problem in Cities," paper by Homer C. Folks, Philadelphia. "Custodial Care of Adult Idiots," paper by A. O. Wright, Madison. "Co-operation of Women in the management of Charitable, Penal and Correctional Institutions," paper by Mrs. Virginia T. Smith, Hartford, Conn. "Public Charities in Europe," Frank B. Sanborn, Boston. "Experiences as a Charity Organization Visitor in New York," Mrs. Louise Seymour Houghton, New York. "The International Conference of Charities and Correction in 1893," Rev. Fred H. Wines,

of Springfield, Ill. "Hospitals," paper by Dr. Hal. C. Wyman, Detroit, Michigan.

We cannot begin to enumerate all the famous men and women who attended the convention. Miss Clara Barton, the founder of the Red Cross movement, is probably the best known throughout the world. There were delegates who represented millions, and delegates who looked as if they hadn't a cent. There were tall ones, short ones, thin ones and fat ones, and each and all of them were bubbling over with enthusiasm and good nature. Indianapolis gave them a hearty welcome, and threw open the doors of her private houses, and public and private institutions.

On Thursday, May 14, the delegates and society shook hands at a grand reception given the former at the Propylaeum, which was attended by fully one thousand persons. On the whole, it was one of the pleasantest conventions ever held here, and we would be pleased at any time to have them all again.

LAURA A. SMITH.

For The Eastern Star.

A THOUGHT.

A friend once said to Frederick Douglas, as he was about to go upon the stand and make a speech: "I would suggest that you refrain from bringing your race so prominently before your audience." Mr. Douglas replied, "I cannot help it, wherever I go I must take a colored man with me." Those of us who are deeply interested in the work of our Order have often been twitted in language somewhat akin to the suggestion above, and we have felt called upon to answer in a similar way. There is so much in the teachings of the Order that we cannot refrain from calling attention to it upon any and every occasion. It is necessary to lay its beauties before the Masonic world in order that it may know what and who we are. The Order must be brought home to the hearts of the brethren that they may see and feel its good effects. All great and important undertakings have only reached their culmination through the efforts of those who have been persistent in their labors. It is through this persistent course that the Eastern Star is enabled to shed its radiance over such a vast territory, and still it is in its infancy. When we look around us and see the isolated spots that could be benefitted by a Chapter being established in its midst it is our bounden duty to herald the glad tidings until an interest is awakened. Let us, then, be up and doing, laboring in and out of season, and wherever we go let us carry with us a few thoughts that will be cherished and nurtured until the seed sown will blossom forth into fruits rare and abounding.

"To know and do each present duty,

Nor seeking more nor less the while,
Shines through the soul a lasting beauty.
Which sordid pleasures ne'er beguile.

Left till too late it may be never

Will we again be called to do
What, now perforce, might bless forever,
With life and cheer some heart renew."

S.

GLENNINGS.

COLORADO.

Queen City Chapter continues to press toward the mark of perfection. Its Star officers are all young ladies who by the excellence of their work show their interest in, and love for the Order. The meetings are largely attended and interesting.

Colorado Chapter, Leadville, is taking in new members almost every meeting. On April 28, there were five initiated, and the work was well rendered by the W. P., Geo. D. Greenfield and Sister Hewitt as Conduress. Our Hall is nicely furnished, is heated by steam, lighted by gas, and has a very good library under the control of the different Masonic bodies which meet in the same Hall, and through their kindness we pay no rent. The average attendance is probably about twenty, all taking an active part in the business transactions of the Chapter. We think that is very good for the highest Chapter under the Jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, the altitude being over 10,000 feet above sea level. L. O. H.

IDAHO.

Ruth Chapter, Pocatell, held a very pleasant meeting May 9. It has a membership of fifty.

IOWA.

During the winter a box was sent from the vicinity of Mystic Chapter, Norway, to Nebraska where it was said that aid was needed. In the box was the suit for a little boy, in the pocket of which was the name of its owner. A letter recently received told the story of its use—sending thanks to the donors. It served as a burial suit for a dear little one.

ILLINOIS.

Central City, Peoria, is not allowing the grass to grow under her feet. She has considerable work on hand and has purchased new robes which are said to be very fine.

Queen Esther Chapter, Chicago, had its annual may party May 19, and a delightfully pleasant party it was. The floral work was done at a recent meeting and very perfectly and beautifully rendered. Seven candidates await initiation.

Siloam Chapter, Chicago, have added stereopticon views to be used during initiation, to its paraphernalia. While its attendance has been somewhat lessened by sickness among its members, it is in a healthy and prosperous condition.

Paris Chapter held its regular monthly social at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Scott, on Chestnut Street, on Monday evening, May 4. The evening was spent very pleasantly with music, recitations and refreshments. The Chapter expects to go picnicking sometime during the summer and will report the fun.

Electa Chapter, U. D., Peoria, at a recent meeting conferred the degrees upon seven candidates. It has an elegant outfit—the robes are white and purple and are especial-

ly beautiful. It is also provided with a signet banner and banners for the five points of the star. A central star lies on a pedestal in the center of the room, and is magnificent. It is of silk plush in the five colors, has a lilac center and gilt frame, fringe and tassels. There were visitors from Eureka, Farmington and Washington, and all gave unstinted praise for the impressive manner in which the work was rendered. At the close of Chapter all repaired to banquet room where refreshments were served.

INDIANA.

Kokomo Chapter is still adding links to its chain by threes and fours, and more to follow.

A very enjoyable and successful spider web social was given by the young ladies of Queen Esther Chapter, Indianapolis.

Queen Esther's Worthy Matron, Carrie Saylor, indulged in a birthday anniversary May 23, and a number of the members called to assist her in spending it pleasantly.

The second Friday afternoon of May, Queen Esther Auxiliary met with Sister Mary Goddard and had a delightful afternoon. As usual refreshments were served.

At the last meeting of Queen Esther Chapter, Indianapolis, four petitions were received and there are more to follow. A new wardrobe has been purchased wherein to keep the new robes.

Two Chapters have been organized since the meeting of the Grand Chapter in April—Ireland Chapter, Ireland, Mary C. Stewart, W. M.; John M. Lemmon, W. P.; Ella A. Greene, A. M. Magnolia Chapter, Moores Hill, Annie E. Stockwell, W. M.; Joseph Cotton, W. P.; Lizzie Tanner, A. M.

Centre Chapter was instituted May 19, and after the installation the degrees were conferred, the officers doing their work almost perfectly. Thirty-six members of Kokomo Chapter went down, and there were also members from Windfall Chapter. Sister Hunter, Grand Matron, was there and we suppose acted as D. G. P. An elegant supper was served.

Warsaw Chapter, Apr. 24, tendered its Worthy Patron, who was recently elected Grand Patron Order of the Eastern Star, and Eminent Grand Commander of Indiana, an informal reception. There was a large attendance of members and their families who offered congratulations, after which all joined in a trip to Jerusalem and engaged in a shower of clothes pins.

Eel River Chapter, South Whitley, has, since January, initiated ten. At the last regular meeting two received the degrees. Several sisters were present from Larwill Chapter. After work, cake and ice cream were served. At a previous meeting the W. M., Sister Henry, and A. M., Sister Miller, gave the Chapter a pleasant surprise by serving lunch after work. Chapter No. 83 is in a promising condition and peace and harmony prevails.

In response to an invitation from Sylvia Chapter, Buchanan, Mich., Sister Helen

Macomber, W. M. of South Bend Chapter, with thirty members paid them a visit. Sylvia has a membership of forty and was organized about three months since, and South Bend is among the oldest Chapters in this Jurisdiction. The evening was made pleasant and instructive by the officers of South Bend Chapter exemplifying the ritual and floral work for their younger sisters. After a beautiful supper the visitors started for the eight mile drive home reaching there in the wee sma' hours.

Since the meeting of the Grand Chapter, the members of Beulah Chapter, Ottebein, have waited impatiently to have its officers installed. Finally word from the Secretary announced that sister Hunter would be here to do the work Friday evening, May 22. About sixty members (including the officers) were present with Sister Davis from Hope Chapter to witness the installation ceremonies which Sister Hunter gave in her usual sweet and impressive manner. The Grand Marshal, Sister Bowen, one of Beulah's latest initiations, did her part entirely without ritual in a dignified manner. After installation came refreshments consisting of cake and ice-cream. We desire to make special mention of the ice cream, which was made by Sister Vanatta and daughter Carrie, with *Jerry* cream, and was just splendid. After refreshments, Sister Hunter delighted her hearers with an address full of encouragement, compliments and good advice, which all appreciated very much. Beulah retains the old corps of officers (with the exception of Chaplain) for the remainder of the year. All is peace and harmony. Six candidates are waiting to receive the degrees, two petitions on the table, and more to follow. All are proud of our Chapter and henceforth we will be known as Beulah Chapter No. 102, Order of the Eastern Star. S.

KANSAS.

On the evening of May 12, Bethlehem Chapter at Almena was duly constituted by Mrs. Emma Heard, with Mrs. Sarah Reeves, W. M.

Nickerson Chapter met in regular session Friday evening and initiated a candidate who now registers as Sister Mary J. Theobald. We are growing slowly but surely.

Recently we have added another new link to our chain of Chapters at Lakin. A very bright Chapter was organized by Sister Mary A. Benedict, of Lyons. This Chapter bids fair to be one of the best in the western part of the State.

Progress Chapter will hold a Chapter of Sorrow on the evening of the 29 of May, in honor of Sister Gabriel, A. G. M. The flowers used for the beautiful ceremony will then be placed upon the last resting place of their loved member and sister.

On the evening of May 4, Shasta Chapter was organized at Kiawa, by Mrs. Eudora E. Hall, G. M. with Mrs. Emily M. Campbell, W. M.; James F. Lee, W. P.; Mrs. Rachel S. Packson, W. M. Mrs. Packson is honored by M. D. to her name as well as being elected Mayor. FRANK B. SHELLEY, Sec.

Ivy Leaf Chapter, Wichita, on the evening of May 6 gave a rather unique social, judging from its name. It bore the euphonious name of "Rat Pie Social" and was financially and socially a success. Games and cards were the amusements, and pies of all kinds ornamented by candy rats were the refreshments. Next.

May 9, Liberal Chapter, was organized at Liberal, by sister K. F. Maurey, W. M. of Acacia Chapter at Hutchinson. She was ably assisted by several members of Oriental Chapter. Several members live six miles in the country all were present and enjoyed the work. Mrs. Alice T. Nichols, W. M., Wm. T. Gibson, W. P.; Mrs. Mary J. McDermouth, Asso. M.; Dr. Geo. S. Smith, Sec.

MICHIGAN.

Mystic Chapter, Fort Gratiot, is prosperous.

Middleville Chapter is doing well, having since October last received ten petitions, nine of which have been elected. At the meeting May 22, two candidates were initiated. The G. M., Sister L. O. Davidson, was an invited guest and in response to an invitation fifty-one members of Oriental Chapter, Grand Rapids, were present. The officers exemplified the work calling forth much praise for impressive manner in which it was given. Owing to the lateness of its arrival it can only receive mere mention, more extended notice will appear in the next issue.

MISSOURI.

Hesperia Chapter, Kansas City, held a most interesting meeting Tuesday evening, May 5. Several candidates were conducted through the mazes of the "Star." May 19th being the regular monthly social meeting, five sister Chapters were represented, and excellent music was furnished by a banjo club, and choice recitations were given. Among the guests was the R. W. Asso. G. M., Mary C. Snedden. The gentlemen in seeking partners for lunch were guided by the fact that each gentleman represented a State, the ladies the capitals thereof, the Worthy Patron (Utah) claimed nineteen ladies for his entertainers at supper, all from "Salt Lake City," for whom a special table was served.

MAINE.

Friday evening, April 17, 1891, Adah Chapter, Biddeford, celebrated its third anniversary in Masonic Hall. A large number of its members with invited guests were present. After an opening address by the W. M., Mrs. Sarah A. Weymouth, a fine musical and literary program was carried out under the direction of Miss Grace Corliss and Mrs. Evvah Abbott assisted by a committee of several other willing and working members of the Chapter, after which all were refreshed inwardly from bountiful tables of good things which were spread in the ante-room. There is a noticeable increase of interest in the Order of late, not only among its members, but among Masons in general, and a prediction is in the air, that the coming year

is to bring a still greater increase of interest among all wives, daughters, mothers and sisters of Masons and among the brothers themselves in the Pine Tree State.

MINNESOTA.

Zenith Chapter, Duluth, in April, gave a very successful social and dance which netted seventy dollars.

May 5, Grand Patron, A. P. Swanstrom, organized Charity Chapter at Redwood Falls, with forty petitioners, Mrs. O. L. Donberg, W. M.; O. L. Donberg, W. P.

Among the pleasant things tendered the guests of Zenith Chapter during the Grand Chapter meeting was a delightful ride on the water. It was, however, too cold to fully appreciate "a life on the ocean wave."

Plymouth Chapter, Minneapolis, held its regular meeting May 15. It is expecting to change its place of meeting in the near future. The G. M. and M. W. G. M., attended the meeting, and after the close of Chapter a short time was very enjoyably spent.

Lorraine Chapter, Minneapolis, held its regular meeting, May 16. Several guests from other Chapters were present, among whom were the G. M., G. P. and M. W. G. M. The degrees were conferred upon two petitioners, the G. M. and G. P. serving in the East. The order of business after the close of Chapter was cake, cream and social enjoyment.

"Zurah's Ladies" is a society composed of the wives of the shriners in Minneapolis. The object of the organization is to create a charity fund. A room in Masonic Temple is very nicely fitted up for the use of the ladies, while the commandery room is at their service when the occasion requires. A concert and reception was given on the evening of May 11, which was successful and pleasant.

Minneapolis Chapter held its regular meeting at Masonic Temple, May 11. There was not only a good attendance of its members, but several Chapters in the twin cities were well represented. Also the G. C. was represented by the G. P. and G. M., the latter holding her membership in this Chapter. M. W. G. M., Nettie Ransford, was also present. After the close of Chapter refreshments were served and a short time spent in a social way.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Melrose Chapter, Melrose, held a regular meeting, Friday evening, May 8, and initiated two candidates.

At the regular meeting of Queen Esther Chapter, Boston, on Monday evening, May 11, two candidates were initiated, the work being very finely rendered by each officer.

After a short business meeting of Benlah Chapter, Stoneham, on Thursday evening, May 21, a nice collation was served and a social time enjoyed. Visitors were present from Melrose Chapter, Melrose, and Vesta, Charleston.

Wednesday evening, May 20, Mary Love Chapter, Waltham, held a regular meeting

and received four petitions. A committee was appointed to prepare for a strawberry festival to be given Wednesday evening, June 17. This Chapter celebrated its Fifth Anniversary on Wednesday evening, May 6, by an "early tea" followed by a musical and literary entertainment.

Keystone Chapter, Boston, gave a "baked bean" supper and "conundrum" entertainment on Tuesday evening, April 28th, which proved very enjoyable. Those who were present at the solving of the "conundrum" found it to be a very social time, interspersed with games, music and readings; amongst which were a potato race; an auction of old maids; piano solos and songs. Sister H. Josie Burnham caused no little merriment by her rendering of the "Irishman's Panorama," after which she gave "Searching for the Golden Street."

Wednesday evening April 22, Signet Chapter, Cambridge, celebrated its Third Anniversary by a musical and literary entertainment in which the following was presented: Character songs and banjo selections by the Bacon Combination Company, of Boston. The singing of the "drum major" and other fine selections by Mr. Frank L. Pratt, the well known baritone of Cambridge, with piano accompaniment by Miss Ellen Hawkes was greatly enjoyed by all. Mrs. Sarah E. Richardson recited "The Blacksmith's Story" in her usually pleasing manner and received a well-merited encore. Miss Hattie Bailey, of Cambridge, sang several numbers, very sweetly, with piano accompaniment by Miss Bertha Moore. At the close of the entertainment a nice banquet was served, after which the time was spent socially until a late hour. At the regular meeting, Wednesday evening May 13, two candidates were elected. A committee, consisting of Brothers Pear and Hatch, and Sisters Kolseth, J. Gale, Agnes Henderson and Bertha Moore, were appointed to prepare for a strawberry festival to be given May 27. R. E. L.

At the regular meeting of Vesta Chapter, Charleston, May 1, the degrees were conferred upon one candidate, and one was elected. Friday, May 15, after a short business session the Chapter observed the Twelfth Anniversary of the organization; consisting of a musical and literary entertainment, contributed by well-known and capable artists. Visitors were present from the following Chapters, with other members of the Order: Mary Love, of Waltham, Signet of Cambridge, Queen Esther and Keystone, of Boston, last but not least, was the supper prepared by the present and a number of the past officers. Vesta has always been noted for its generous hospitality and its reputation was fully sustained.

April 27 was childrens day with Mizpah Chapter Marlboro. In the afternoon of that date the sisters of the Chapter made welcome the younger members of families of Mizpah Chapter to a supper and entertainment, and when the evening came they in return filled a pleasant hour with song, music and recitation, after which came the

observation social. The five senses were called into active use in this very cute game. All went home at a late hour delighted with the day and evening and more pleased with what will be the results for the future. For this gathering expressed intimate acquaintance, such friendly interest for one another that it must serve as one of the agents to strengthen the truer fraternal feeling that has always existed in Mizpah Chapter.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—This lovely town, Westfield, nestled down in the Woronoco Valley is honored by being the home of Golden Chapter. This Chapter has hitherto seemed content to hide its light, allowing only now and then, a ray from its brightness to shine forth from its obscure home.

Not however, because of its unworthiness to be better known, for it would be difficult to find a Chapter whose members are more harmonious and united in their efforts to exemplify the principles of our Order. On the 21 of November last, G. M., Anna M. Harrington, and G. P., Frank E. Shaw, accompanied by A. G. M., Louise J. Provin, A. G. P., Henry E. Savage, G. Mar., A. W. Barton, and G. Treas., Lona L. Goodenough, paid an official visit to this Chapter. There were also present, by invitation, a goodly number from Adelphi Chapter of Springfield and Naomi Chapter of North Adams. Four petitions were received, and two candidates initiated. The Grand Officers expressed themselves pleased with the manner in which the work was rendered, and visitors from Adelphi and Naomi also spoke words of commendation and encouragement. After the close of the Chapter a collation was served in the banquet hall, followed by a season of such social enjoyment, as I believe, can be found only among members of the Eastern Star.

January 2, was the date set for the installation of the officers for 1891. Although it seemed as if the elements had conspired against us, six o'clock found a large number present to partake of the supper which preceded the ceremony. This matter having been disposed of, and the Chapter formally opened the retiring W. M., Effie M. Carson, assisted by Kate B. Towle, as Marshal, installed the following officers: W. M., Julia A. Foglestrand; W. P., William F. Carson; A. M., Nellie E. Conner; Sec., Julia M. Phelps; Treas., Julia B. Smith; Con., Angie E. Cooley; A. C., Nellie E. Noble; Chap., Nancy Pierce; Adah, Hattie Gowdy; Ruth, Lucy Willett; Esther, Lizzie M. Dewey; Martha, Albina E. Bartlett; Electa, Alice Smith; Warder, Celestia S. Whitney; Sentinel, Emil T. Bilse. This Chapter believes that the social element should be largely woven with our work, in order to hold the interest of the members, and to secure a good attendance at the meetings. In accordance with this belief social gatherings at our hall and at the homes of our members are of frequent occurrence. The unusually fine sleighing of the past winter tempted us to take a trip to West Suffield, Conn., one

afternoon. We found a hot turkey supper awaiting us, for which our ride had given us a fine appetite. Games, dancing and conversation filled the pleasant hours, till the time for our return. The ride home over the crisp snow, under the clear winter sky was not the least enjoyable part of an occasion that will long live in our memories as one of great pleasure. On the evening of March 13, the "Old-fashioned District School" was presented by some of our members, making a very pleasant evening's entertainment and developing an amount of latent talent such as we had never dreamed of possessing. But do not think it is all play with us. Amusement is only the hand-maiden of the more important "moral purposes" of our Order, and the means by which we keep our treasury full, and ready for emergencies. At our regular meeting, March 20, two candidates were initiated, and petitions for membership received from four young ladies—daughters of some of our members. They were gladly welcomed to our number, and at the time of their initiation, April 17, a collation of cake and coffee was served in honor of the event. By the addition of such bright links as these to our chain we may feel sure that when we older ones are called away or are incapacitated from active labor, there will be other, younger and stronger hands ready and willing to take up our beloved work, and carry it on to a brighter consummation than we had dared to hope for.

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NEBRASKA.

The Grand Matron has been paying official visits for the past two weeks.

On the evening of the official visit of the Grand Matron, Tuscan Chapter, Kearney, received twelve petitions, and still they come.

Acacia Chapter, which the Grand Matron had the honor to name and organize, and which is in point of numbers the banner Chapter, gave a very delightful entertainment on May 21.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Martha Washington Chapter was constituted on the evening of April 28. There were visitors present from Massachusetts: Sister and Brother Shaw, Sister and Brother Huntrees, Sister and Brother Gale and Sister Fairbairn. From Ransford Chapter, Derry Depot, the Worthy Matron, Sister Horn, and the star officers. After the installation the degrees were conferred upon two candidates by the officers of the local Chapter, and the work was well rendered. A collation was served before the work, and ice cream and cake after the close. The guests were entertained at the homes of the members. The evening following, being the night of the regular meeting, three candidates were given the degrees.

OHIO.

Friday evening, May 15, Crescent Chapter, of Garrettsville, celebrated its first anniversary. A large number were present, and a delightfully pleasant evening was enjoyed

by all. After the regular work of the Order, including the conferring of degrees, refreshments were served in an attractive manner and very much enjoyed. Brief remarks were then made by a number of the sisters and brothers, followed by a beautiful recitation, rendered most effectively by Sister Etta Stockwell.

Pearl Chapter, Cleveland, is increasing in membership slowly but surely. We have a good deal to work against, as our Order is not generally recognized in this State, and we are not allowed to assemble in any Masonic Lodge room, but we hope that the day is not far distant when this feeling will be overcome, and our hands will be allowed to assist our brothers in what our hearts are overflowing, to aid, comfort and protect. We have just had a very sad experience in our Chapter; that of losing by death one of our charter members, our beloved Sister M. N. Christner. During the first two years of the Chapter she was Treasurer and was a very active member; but the last year her health has not permitted her to attend much. We formed within our Chapter on March 10, a Sewing Circle, with nine members. We have had three meetings since and have a membership now of fifteen and more to join at our next meeting. We feel quite encouraged and have considerable work engaged, and a small fund already accumulated for charitable purposes. F. E. W.

RHODE ISLAND.

Providence Chapter is moving on with the work uninterrupted. On May 6, a social dance and banquet was indulged in, which was much enjoyed and added some to the treasury. The Secretary has left the state of single blessedness for that of matrimony, and the Chapter, in recognition of the event, sent a very pretty picture to adorn the new home.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Rev. J. W. McBride, of Aberdeen, recently preached a sermon to the members of the Order which is spoken of in terms of highest praise.

TEXAS.

Lone Star Chapter contemplates giving a picnic sometime during the latter part of May. A splendid time is anticipated.

Bro. J. J. Moon, D. G. P., and a number of Lone Star Chapter officers left Gainesville, Saturday morning, April 25, for Burns City; there to organize Burns City Chapter. Arriving about 10:30 o'clock all proceeded to the Chapter room where the officers were installed by Bro. Moon and the work exemplified by the officers of Lone Star Chapter, also the Floral Work. During a recess, with appetite sharpened by the long ride over a rough road, all were ready to partake of the magnificent dinner which was spread and waiting under the beautiful Texas shade trees. After satisfying the inner man, labor was resumed and the work completed, which leaves Burns City Chapter in full working order. All started for home, regretting that the day was so short and that Old Father

Time will wait for no man. The three first officers of the new Chapter are Mrs. M. E. Keeton, W. M., B. D. Burch, W. P., Mrs. Martha Coulter, A. M.

A visitor to the office of the Grand Secretary the other day, says this of the Chapter at Brady. "I tell you those ladies are workers and they try every one they see, that they think ought to be members of the Chapter. I felt ashamed of myself when I found that I could not make myself known as an Eastern Star member, and I resolved that as soon as I arrived at home that I would revive our Chapter and brush myself up in the work." So, I have the assurance that Hadasah Chapter No. 7, that has so long been idle will be reported in good working order before long, and that it will have a representation at our next session of the Grand Chapter.

GRAND SECRETARY.

WISCONSIN.

Tomah Chapter at a recent meeting initiated four candidates and nearly the entire membership was out. After the close, cake and cream were served.

May 5, Sparta Chapter was organized by D. G. P., Fred King, assisted by the G. M., Adency Irons, who was accompanied by fourteen members of Tomah Chapter. Mrs. Sarah L. Merrill, W. M.; A. H. Isham, W. P.; Mrs. Clara B. Skillman, A. M.

May 12, D. G. P., J. A. Wells, assisted by the G. M., Adency Irons, organized Jewel Chapter at Antigo. This Chapter starts out under the most favorable circumstances, great interest being taken by the sisters to make it a success. Mrs. J. H. Friend, W. M.; Mr. J. H. Porter, W. P.; Mrs. J. A. Thursby, A. M.

On the evening of May 14, as the brothers of the lodge F. & A. M., of Sturgeon Bay were about to leave the lodge room they were met by a company of their wives with baskets of provision and hot coffee. It is needless to add that they, with one consent were invited into the lodge room, where the rest of the evening was very pleasantly spent.

April 29, Crescent Chapter was organized at Shell Lake with forty four petitioners. Brother Austin Denning as D. G. P. was accompanied and assisted by the officers of the Mizpah Chapter, Star Prairie. After the work was completed a magnificent banquet was served and the thanks of the visitors tendered the sisters and brothers of Shell Lake for their generous hospitality. Jennie Earle, W. M.; George A. Barker, W. P.; Ella C. Wang, A. M.

ORGANIZATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

[Exchange.]

The convention to organize a Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star met in Masonic Hall, Tuesday at 2 p. m. The convention was called to order by the Worthy Matron of Olive Branch Chapter, Sister Helen A. Stewart. Past Worthy Patron, Frank Spooner, was elected President. The following committee on credentials, one from each

Chapter represented, was appointed: Brother Chester P. Brown, Sisters Elvira Fletcher, Mary J. Horn, Mary A. Brown, Brother J. H. Connor. This committee reported names: Colebrook—Eureka Chapter, No. 2. Elvira E. Fletcher, W. M.; J. Sullivan Chase, W. P.; Mary Bedel, A. M.; Lucy Danforth, P. M.; Albert Barker, P. W. P.

Derry—Ransford Chapter, No. 3. Mary J. Horne, W. M.; Hiram C. Matthews, proxy for W. P.; Martha Pillsbury, proxy for A. M.

Whitefield—Excelsior Chapter, No. 4. Mary A. Brown, W. M.; J. Coleman Trickey, W. P.; Carrie Morrison, A. M.; Mary Quimby, P. M.; Julia A. Minot, P. M.; Lucetta W. Trickey, P. M.; Loren A. Whitcher, P. W. P.

Ashland—Mt. Hope Chapter, No. 5. Eunice A. Peaseley, W. M.; Henry C. Dearborn, W. P.; Sarah E. Sweet, proxy for A. M.

Goffstown—Martha Washington Chapter, No. 6: J. H. Connor, W. P.

Rochester—James Farrington Chapter, No. 7. Susan A. Mack, W. M.; Edward Davis, proxy for W. P.; Jane D. Davis, proxy for A. M.

A committee of one member from each Chapter was appointed to draft a constitution. The following are the names of the committee:

Sister Helen A. Stuart, Olive Branch Chapter, Lancaster; Brother J. S. Chase, Eureka Chapter, Colebrook; Sister Mary J. Horn, Ransford Chapter, Derry; Brother J. C. Trickey, Excelsior Chapter, Whitefield; Bro. J. H. Connor, Martha Washington Chapter, Goffstown.

A constitution was adopted.

Then followed the election of the officers of the Grand Chapter, which were as follows:

Mary D. M. Quimby, G. M. Whitefield; Dr. Frank Spooner, G. P., Lancaster; Mary J. Horn, G. A. M., Derry; J. H. Connor, G. A. P., Goffstown; Eunice A. Peaseley, G. Treas. Ashland; J. Sullivan Chase, G. Sec., Colebrook; Luella Peabody, G. A. C., Lancaster; Lucy A. Danforth, Grand Chaplain, Colebrook; Helen A. Stuart, G. Mar., Lancaster.

The Grand Chapter then opened and the following appointments were made by the Grand Matron, after which the officers were installed by Past W. P., Albert Barker, of Colebrook: Martha A. Pillsbury, Derry, G. Adah; Mary E. Connor, Goffstown, G. Ruth; Julia A. Miner, Whitefield, G. Esther; Lucy A. Spooner, Lancaster, G. Martha; Elvira E. Fletcher, Colebrook, G. Electa; Sarah E. Sweet, Ashland, G. Warder; Austin Miner, Whitefield, G. Sentinel.

Various resolutions were passed in regard to the work of the Chapter, also resolutions from the delegates thanking the members of Olive Branch Chapter for their hospitable entertainment.

The next meeting of the Grand Chapter will be held in Rochester on the second Tuesday in September, 1892.

At six o'clock the convention was called off for one hour, and all present, about 100, proceeded to the dining-room, where an elegant banquet was prepared.

Much credit is due to the committee who had charge of the arrangements for this convention, and for the admirable and successful manner in which they were carried out. All present will recall with pleasure the organization of the Grand Chapter.

CHANGE OF TIME.

And Additional Trains on the Monon Route, In Effect May 24.

The following new trains have been put on to run between Indianapolis and Frankfort, making closer connections at the latter place for Logansport, Lake Maxinkuckee, South Bend, St Joseph and Benton Harbor:

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Arrives Frankfort 8:45 a. m.

No. 21 leaves Frankfort 8:55 a. m.

Arrives Indianapolis 10:40 a. m.

No. 22 leaves Indianapolis 6:20 p. m.

Arrives Frankfort 7:10 p. m.

No. 23 leaves Frankfort 7:50 p. m.

Arrives Indianapolis 9:25 p. m.

Other trains leave and arrive as follows:

No. 32—Chicago Vestibuled Limited, with dining and Parlor cars.

Leave Indianapolis 11:25 a. m.

Arrive Chicago 5:10 p. m.

No. 34—Chicago Vestibuled Night Express, with Pullman sleepers.

Leave Indianapolis 12:40 a. m.

Arrive Chicago 7:35 a. m.

No. 33 arrive Indianapolis 3:25 a. m.

No. 31 arrive Indianapolis 3:20 p. m.

A PLEASANT WORD PERSONAL TO THE EDITOR.

[From Bennington, Vt., Banner of March 19, 1891.]

A few weeks ago we alluded to the canvas then being made of a new Masonic History. We are glad to know that the sales are starting off briskly and that the critics have been kind. To give our readers an idea of what has been said of our work, we copy below from *The Liberal Freemason*, an editorial notice as grateful in its tone as it was wholly unexpected. The writer of the criticism is one of the most scholarly as well as the highest officials in the Order, and here is what he says of our past three years' labor in connection with our work upon the

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"In due course we shall probably have more to say about it, but looking at it as it is a practical effort, we do not think that the publisher has 'hastened to become suddenly rich,' in putting it at so low a price (\$3.75 the minimum, increased by style of bind-

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The cadence of summer's minstrelsy
October in a minor key
Repeats. With softened colors asters glow;
In faded browns the grasses low,
Lie resting in the autumn peace,
But trembling, the trees ablaze with light,
Fling banners of red and yellow bright,
To greet the clear blue of the sky—
And wave with exultant branches high,
To fleeing leaves a gay release—
In weighty clusters a-banging low,
The grape their purpled shadow throw
O'er dusty paths—where with outspread wing,
A butterfly goes circling
Slowly in noontide's golden fleece.

LAURA A. SMITH.

For the Eastern Star

A TALK WITH BUSINESS WOMEN.

It would be a difficult task to define the exact limitations of woman's sphere, for there seems to be no occupation left in which man is the sole monopolist. There are teachers, clerks, and stenographers by the million, women artists, journalists, physicians, dentists, wood-carvers, lawyers, miners, black-smiths, farmers and so on until one's brain grows weary trying to enumerate the various professions which have opened their doors to women.

Now because this state of affairs exists, the girl who wishes to adopt a profession, is none the less worse for a little wholesome advice. In the first place my dear Katharine, or Alice, or whoever you may be, consider well whether it is an absolute necessity for you to leave the home nest for the whirlpool of business. If your parents want you to stay at home and be a comfort to them, then stay there. God made no mistake when He placed us in families. You may be worth five or even ten dollars a week to some business man, but you are worth more than that to your mother in the household, and you are no comfort to your father when you come in at night tired and cross. Therefore I say in the face of all the cant about the beauty of a girl's being independent—if you are in comfortable circumstances and your parents object to your working, give it up.

"But," some one says, "the work I want to do, I am particularly adapted for, no one else could do it." Don't ever believe any such nonsense as that. If you, or I, or even the Queen of England died to-day, our places would be filled instantly. We would not be missed very long outside the home circle. There may be a poor girl struggling along through school, helping her mother at the wash-tub, trying to fit herself for the very place you are after. It is bread and butter to her: spending money for you.

To the girl, however, who is obliged to earn her own living; and there are too many such in the world, I would give a little advice. If you have a chance to get an education, take it. Do not leave school to go to work. It is the educated clerk who moves from the counter to the desk. Knowledge is the only sure road to advancement.

If you are to become a business woman, you must learn many things. In the first place you must learn to preserve absolute silence in regard to business matters which come under your notice. The girl who tells the affairs of the office in the open street-car, soon finds herself without a position. You must study human nature, therein lies a secret of success. If you are working for men you must shut your eyes and ears and go ahead. The office is the man's home. There he likes to lounge and smoke and be at ease. If anything goes wrong, he will tear around like a cyclone for a few moments, perhaps swear, and then forget it, and expect you to do the same. Shall you? Certainly. Whatever you do, don't cry or go off into hysterics. Keep a stiff upper lip, and when he emerges from his rage, and is as sweet as a flower after a storm, smile at him and show him that you have forgotten everything. If you cry he will mentally style you a blamed nuisance, if you smile he will say you have a splendid disposition, and will retain you in his employ. If you are working under a woman you will need more policy, for women are more exacting as to detail than men, and of more uncertain temperament. You will find if you are working for the public, that the public is

made up of an infinite variety of dispositions; also, that you as a person with thoughts and feelings, subject to any consideration, don't exist for the public. You are simply the representative of a certain work. The public will insult you, use you in every possible way, and never bestow upon you one word of thanks. The satisfaction in your work must come from within. The world is too busy and too selfish to stop and pat you on the head.

When you have selected a profession, embrace every opportunity to perfect yourself therein, you cannot be too well qualified for any branch of work. Skilled labor is an absolute necessity to-day.

Summing it all up, I would bid the working-girl be brave, discreet, cheerful, industrious, and above all, refined—therein lies your strongest hold over the respect and courtesy of your employers.

LAURA A. SMITH.

For The Eastern Star.

THE GREAT MASCULINE MYTH.

In a recent lecture delivered in England by Frances Power Cobbe, before a conference of women workers, allusion is made to "the great masculine myth" that every girl and woman is amply and entirely provided for in mind, body and estate from childhood to old age by some individual man.

The prevalence of this myth, and the persistent adherence to a belief in this fallacy is the root of most of the nonsense about "woman's sphere." Those who have not outgrown this superstition still prate of woman's inferiority, and advise her to seclude herself, and warn her of the loss of all womanliness if she dare employ for her herself the powers which God has given her.

If such praters could only know the misery and distress which has come to women through this assumption that all women have some men ready and able to care for them, they would stand aghast. In truth only a limited number of women have any natural protector, only a certain proportion have any home, but so stealthily has the great myth prevailed, that in times past

wherever a woman was found attempting self-support she was held to be legitimate prey by the grasping selfish employer, or by the vicious dissolute man, because it was held that by this very attempt at an honest living she proclaimed that she was without a protector, without a home, and temptation and insult thus became her portion.

The change in public sentiment concerning woman's right to support herself has been of greater advantage to homeless, friendless women, than to any other class. Since women who have homes, and who have husbands and brothers and fathers, have taken places among the world's workers and are not afraid to establish their own independence, the lot of every working woman has been uplifted. No longer do men assume that because a woman is willing to work for money that she is also willing to accept questionable flatteries and attentions.

No longer do employers use the tone of the slave-driver in addressing women employees as when every woman who earned money must bear this or starve.

While women are doing great things in philanthropy, in education, and in the administration of affairs, there is nothing which has dignified the labor of woman and made it possible for her to walk forth to her labor a pure, chaste, respected and self-respecting woman, as has the assumption of labor tasks by women whose necessities do not compel them to work for daily bread.

The emancipation of well-to-do women has been the great achievement of this century. No longer do they sit at home awaiting matrimony as the only end of existence, even as women in other lands look to the harem, but with hand and voice, God-given, they employ these faculties of speech and hand craft, which ages of false ideas had weakened and made well-nigh powerless.

Before me is a list of occupations which women have entered—the pulpit, the bar, the medical profession, school trustees, architects, river pilots, telegraphers, postmasters, journalists, and one is a locomotive engineer, occupations that a few years ago would have signified the loss of all womanliness in one who should aspire to their possession.

Women who fill these positions are not all of them in destitute circumstances, but, daring to do for themselves and to lead useful lives, they have lifted the chief burden of every woman who is compelled to earn a livelihood, and given a dignity which it never knew before.

Out of this freedom for women will come eventually the sensible dress reform, which at present is in such a chaotic state.

It will come by degrees. There will be no sudden outbreak to evoke ridicule, but even as woman has without shock to men's perception quietly taken her share of the world's work, so will she quietly arrange and re-arrange the details of her dress until it suits her new environment.

The "great masculine myth" is dissolving before the eyes of the world, and as Mrs. Wallace who lately fell at her post so truly

said, "woman's freedom does not mean competition between women and men, it simply means co-operation in the work of the world."

M. SEARS BROOKS.

GRAND CHAPTER OF IOWA FOR 1891.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Grand Chapter was held in Clinton, September 9 and 10. The promise made by Clinton Chapter a year ago was more than fulfilled, and its record for hospitality can not be excelled. The following committees were in charge of the arrangements, and the duties were well performed:

Executive—S. C. Bates, W. E. Ferguson and F. M. Howard.

Reception—Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Roberts, Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Rathbun, Mayor and Mrs. F. M. Gobble, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Clement, Mr. and Mrs. C. Judd, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ferguson.

Excursion—Artemus Lamb, Geo. Kendall and Geo. B. Lea.

On the evening preceeding the opening of Grand Chapter a delightful reception was tendered the members and visitors of the Grand Chapter. Clinton Chapter has its home in the commodious and beautifully furnished rooms of the Masonic fraternity and for this occasion they bore evidence of the womanly touch by the floral offerings throughout the rooms. A formal reception was held in the parlors where each guest was presented with a badge after which a pleasing and interesting program was rendered in the Chapter room, opening with singing by a male quartette. Dr. Rathbun, Worthy Patron, then read a carefully prepared paper "Our Order and its Mission." The "Star Spangled Banner" by the quartette called forth applause and the beautiful flag which occupied its place as a part of the furnishing of the room seemed to wave in acknowledgement of the compliment paid it. Recitations were given by Misses Grace and Ethel Howard, and were well rendered. Miss Hart gave "Paradise and the Peri" which is beautiful and was beautifully given. The bird song so sweetly and gracefully given by the Worthy Matron, Sister Bader, was an especial feature of the evening's entertainment as the hearty encore signified. An added sweetness was the flute solo by the blind flutist, Frank Duncan. Remarks were made by Sisters L. J. Pitkin, R. W. G. S., and Nettie Ransford, M. W. G. M. The floor star was the handiwork of Brother S. C. Bates as was also the revolving stand upon which rested the beautifully hand-painted satin signet which was the work of Brother Henry Bowers. On Wednesday afternoon a ride on the Father of waters was enjoyed, which still further placed the visitors under obligations to the members of Clinton Chapter.

On Wednesday morning the Grand Chapter was opened with the Grand Matron, Harriet A. Ercanbrack, presiding, assisted by Associate Grand Patron, Geo. H. Jackson. The march introduced at the opening was exceedingly pretty and the opening cere-

mony was well rendered, and from memory. There were thirteen Grand officers present and two Past Grand Patrons. Also representatives from fifty-nine Chapters. As visitors there was M. W. G. M., Nettie Ransford; R. W. G. S., Lorraine J. Pitkin, and D. D. G. M., of Illinois: Sister Hawley.

A letter of regret and greeting was read from Past Grand Matron, Jennie E. Mathews, who had but just returned from a three months' trip abroad. Her presence was greatly missed as she has been an active worker in this Jurisdiction since its organization.

The address of welcome on behalf of Clinton Chapter, was given by the Worthy Matron, Sister Bader and responded to by Associate Grand Matron, Sister L. L. Arnold. Both will be read with pleasure and all will agree that the points of order in Sister Bader's were especially well taken:

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER EASTERN STAR, STATE OF IOWA. MY SISTERS AND BROTHERS:—It is with a feeling of honor that I stand this morning, before this large assembly of noble men and women, and say to one and all, you are most cordially welcome. We were glad when the invitation of Clinton Chapter was accepted, and the knowledge that this Grand body was to meet here has undoubtedly been an incentive to our officers and members to do their work well, and has helped to increase our membership.

I am proud to welcome such cultured and energetic representatives of our Order, from all parts of the fine and flourishing State of Iowa, and I hope you will all be favorably impressed with this pretty little city, and its inhabitants, especially the ones you meet in this room. The beauties, advantages, and industries of Clinton were set forth brilliantly by our delegate last year, and I trust that you are not at all disappointed, but on the contrary, think that he really ought to have said more. During the past twelve months many valuable improvements have been brought about by the never tiring, enterprising citizens uniting their efforts for one general good.

It is the same with our beloved order. It has become more widely known and appreciated, and its growth and prosperity is something of which to be proud.

My friends, because your hearts and hands have been expanded by benevolence, and your united efforts directed by wise counsels to a common purpose, you have accomplished much and realize the power and grandeur of your undertakings.

Composed as this Chapter is of orderly, earnest, sincere, obligingly, energetic, social, obedient, enduring, splendid people, protected by a strong *Dyke*, it is no wonder you succeed, and that nothing can discourage you. *Ere-can-brack* your faith that you shall reap, if you faint not. It may be up-hill work sometimes to accomplish your end, but perseverance is a *Rule* of yours and you *Gage* your actions accordingly and whatever trial comes you *Bar-rette* bravely and work right on.

"C
urage, friends, do not stumble
hough the path be dark as night.
T
re's a Star that guides the humble,
Trust in God, and do the right."

I hope we may have the pleasure of your presence again in the near future, and that you will be as glad to come as we to welcome you. May each year be as prosperous as the one just past and our golden chain lengthened and strengthened at every point, and as link by link each one shall fall away in death, may we be welcomed to the New Jeru-

salem, that city not made by hands, and hear it said, "well done, thou good and faithful servant."

RESPONSE TO ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF CLINTON CHAPTER:—Allow me, in behalf of the Grand Officers and members, the pleasure of responding to Sister Bader's address of welcome. We thank you for your kindly welcome. We know we are welcome when we reach the foot of the stairs. The kind word greets us on its pure white background, standing out in fresh, bright evergreens, the one lovely word "Welcome."

When the invitation was extended to the Grand Chapter to meet this year at Clinton, we knew we would be welcome; that you would spare neither pains or expense to make it pleasant for us, and you have surpassed our anticipations. We appreciate your kindness. We enjoyed the reception you gave us last evening. We feel very much honored to be the guests of Clinton Chapter. We have come from all parts of Iowa, but we have enjoyed the coming. While many of us come, traveling under many disadvantages, yet the "Tie" that binds is strong enough to help us through the difficulties. We greet each other, a clasp of the hand, a smile, says we have met before. If not in the Grand Chapter room, we know each other by our secret signs and pass words. We do not pass each other by as strangers, for the golden chain connects each loving heart to our beloved Order. And as our chain lengthens and strengthens, we gladly take each new sister or brother by the hand. We understand that to-day is a great day in Clinton, that to-day will decide if it is to be, or not to be a city. Let me in behalf of this Grand body, wish you success; that you may succeed in having your manufactories and your beautiful little city situated on the grand father of rivers a prosperous city in the fullest extent of the word. I assure you we shall be pleased to come to Clinton again in the near future.

Again we thank you for your kindly greeting, for your kindly welcome, and for your hospitality, and may Clinton Chapter be ever bright and prosperous is the happy earnest wish of this Grand Chapter.

Following the addresses Past Grand Patron Ercanbrack, in behalf of himself and the Grand Matron, who have served the Grand Chapter—he as Grand Patron for four years and she as Grand Matron for the five succeeding years, presented the Grand Chapter with an elegant set of Grand Officer jewels. Brother Jackson, Asso. G. Patron, responded to the presentation and later resolutions were adopted more fully expressing the thanks of the Grand Body for this very handsome and costly gift.

The following committees were appointed by the Grand Matron.

Credentials—Sisters Kate Perry, Rachel L. Mason and Brother Ball.

Finance—Bro. Rathbun, Sidney Smith and Sister Ella Arnold.

Unfinished Business—Bro. F. A. Dunlap, Sister Rena Bentley, Sister May Boehmle.

Jurisprudence—Bro. T. R. Ercanbrack, Sister Jennie A. Rule, Sister Emma Potter.

Appeals and Grievance—Bro. E. Mather, Sister Joanna Upson, Sister Cheshire.

Dispensations and Charters—Sisters Maria Jackson, O. H. Salts and Dean.

Reports—Sisters Lizzie L. Carhart, Ada M. Davis and Ella A. Smith.

Addresses—Sisters Bader, May F. Dalton and Bro. E. S. Johnson.

Mileage—Bros. E. B. Dyke and G. H. Jackson.

Foreign Correspondence—E. B. Dyke.

The Grand Patron was unable to attend but sent a letter of regret, and a short address with best wishes for harmony and prosperity.

The address of the Grand Matron was quite lengthy and of great interest to the Order, much work had been accomplished and many valuable suggestions were made. She says:

"As again we look into each others faces our eyes gleam with gladness, heart speaks to heart 'All hail.' Let each of us here assembled recall to mind the solemn scene when at the sacred Altar, clasping the inspired volume, we entered into a sacred and perpetual covenant to maintain the welfare of this institution. Let us remember the benevolent teachings imparted by our guides, the heroines and the presiding officers. Let our souls be refreshed by the influence of the good deeds we have performed for the relief and joy of those bound to us by fraternal ties. Let us be fully conscious of the splendid discipline that is ours as a result of the troubles we have seen and the conflicts we have passed. Let us reflect upon the victories we have won over fightings without and fears within. And as the memory of all these events of our lives, sanctified with hallowed emotions, come over us, none but our noblest impulses will be found at work. All our words and actions will be imitative of those transcendent examples set by Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha and Electa. And we can with sweet accord repeat the beautiful lines of Brother Z. D. Scobey:

We love the Eastern Star degrees,
They point to virtues rare;
They tell us of a daughter brave,
Who came with filial care,
To help maintain her father's vow,
And keep his honor pure;
Accepting nobly her sad fate,
She did all loss endure.

We love the Eastern Star degrees,
They sound true notes of praise;
And tell us of a widow true,
Who lived in ancient days,
Who would forsake all else on earth
To leave to her mother's side,
Vowing to share life's toll with her,
Till death should them divide.

We love the Eastern Star degrees,
They show a faithful wife,
Who to preserve her people dear,
Did risk her precious life,
By boldly going to the King,
Who asked: "What wilt thou gain?
It shall be granted should it take,
The half of my domain.

We love the Eastern Star degrees,
Behold a sister's trust,
In that dear Savior who could raise
Her brother from the dust.
She cast her helpless soul on Him,
In that distressing hour,
And lo! He wept then raised the dead
By His Almighty power.

We love the Eastern Star degrees
Yea! that sublime degree
That tells us of the Christiau's faith
And hope and charity;
And teaches how to manifest
The love of Christ our Lord,
And dying pray for enemies
And gain the saint's rewards.

She constituted seven Chapters, visited

twenty, and installed the officers of four in connection with the Masonic brothers of which she says: "I most heartily commend the practice of joint installation. Our own ceremonies compare so favorably with those of the male Fraternity that we never fail to win respect and applause."

Fourteen Chapters were organized during the year and the Grand Matron says: "We have had the help of the favorable speech of the chief officers of Iowa Masonry in all its departments. The attitude of our brethren generally is generous to usward." She recommended that a sufficient number to fill offices be required in petitioning for a Chapter and that the number shall not exceed thirty.

The charters of four Chapters were arrested they being past revival, and one surrendered its charter.

An important recommendation was the adoption of a Code of By-Laws for the government of Subordinate Chapters while under dispensation which was followed, and a code adopted. Only one decision was reported and upon which the Committee of Jurisprudence did not report. It was that a petition for affiliation must be presented in form as a petition for membership, and of course accompanied by the dimit and take the usual course until it reaches the ballot, then: "If two thirds of the ballots cast are favorable the applicant shall be declared elected."

Also, a dimit presented to an Iowa Chapter from another jurisdiction be accompanied by a certificate under seal from the Grand Secretary that the Chapter granting the dimit is a regularly constituted one.

The custom which sometime prevails of allowing one person to cast the ballot for the Body instead of each exercising the individual right of ballot was questioned, as subordinate Chapters were led into this manner of voting by the example set, therefore the custom in Iowa was abrogated.

The recommendation that a committee be appointed to arrange with the Librarian of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M., for a department in which to place O. E. S. memorials was acted upon and the following committee appointed: Sisters H. A. Ercanbrack, Maria Jackson, Jennie E. Mathews, Della M. Waterbury and Brother Sidney Smith.

Under the head "Reminiscential" the Grand Matron says:

"During the past five years I have made about two hundred visits to the several Chartered Chapters of the State. If I had undertaken at the outset to have given a detailed statement in each case of the manner in which I was received, how entertained, the work I did, and the many banquets in which I have participated, what a dreary repetition of fulsome phrases and flattering speech would have been the result. The pages of our proceedings would have been filled with all the names of toothsome dainties and all the glowing adjectives and swelling adverbs with which the English language is so richly endowed. Doubtless, many who have labored so hard to plan receptions, to load tables with rich viands and choice flowers, have thought the Grand Matron ought to make some mention of her royal treatment at their hands. Many times

she has been tempted to venture some strains of honeyed speech. But if she told the whole truth there would necessarily have been made some invidious distinctions. Therefore on this topic, which seems to be so fruitful among Grand Matrons in general, I have said but very little. But I can assure you that when I have read the most brilliant account of the visits of my contemporary Grand Matrons, I have found none that would fully set forth the munificent display of Eastern Star hospitality in Iowa. But, my sisters as you think it over I am sure that you will approve of my discretion, and that you are heartily glad that I have devoted my attention to the weightier matters of our Order. That we present to the world a view of earnest work rather than personal pleasure. Nevertheless, I am profoundly grateful to you for the pains you have taken to spread light and joy around, and the pleasure that has been mine in your happy homes and fraternal halls.

CONCLUSION.

Thus, my sisters and brothers, have been discharged the duties executive of this Grand Body. The year has been one of activity and progress. But few difficulties have beset our pathway. Whenever the waters have been troubled, the oil of peace has been freely poured upon them. Kindness is the best possible antidote for turbulence and discontent. Happily nearly the whole pathway trodden by the Grand Matron has been through green pastures and by the side of peaceful waters. In every instance due respect has been shown your administrative officer, and almost universally she has been greeted with tokens of marked kindness.

On the 5th day of June, 1888, with doubtful mind but willing heart I entered upon unaccustomed field of labor. The space between that day and this is no insignificant part of a life time. To me it has been a toilsome season. Without reserve I have given the Order of the Eastern Star my time and talents. Trustfully and promptly I have answered every call. Without fear or favor every appeal has been entertained and adjudicated. Into fifty-one new places I have entered, unrolled our mystic chart, and listened to hundreds of voices repeating our sacred covenant. My own spirit o'er and o'er again, has been wafted heavenward, as solemn pledges have been feelingly uttered and holy vows have been registered in heaven. And now, my friends, you will never know because I cannot fitly express my gratitude for your firmly sustained confidence. My constant and fervent prayer to God has been that I might prove worthy of it. And as I now ask you to no longer consider my name in connection with this station it is with no lack of appreciation of the kind words that are yet being spoken. As I retrospect the years of executive labor a flood of precious memories and powerful emotions come over me.

The light of many happy homes in which I have sojourned will illuminate my pathway through future life. The friendships formed at the altar fires in all parts of Iowa will abide with me to the last moment of my earthly existence.

The happy faces that have shone so brightly over so many banquet tables will always hang in the gallery of memory, and the sight of them will ever cause my heart to throb with joy.

May God bless you all in basket and in store; may He give you long life and spiritual prosperity in my ardent prayer. As He has promised that inasmuch as ye have nurtured the least of His children so shall ye be rewarded, I feel assured that He will answer my prayer for what ye have done unto me. I earnestly hope that for many years to come we may meet in Grand Chapter and there renew our regards for each other and

sing together. "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in ardent love". Let us now with zeal and assiduity engage in the business before us, and give to every matter submitted to us for consideration, that just measure of carefulness that shall redound to the general good of our beloved Order."

The report of the Grand Secretary was very full and complete giving a detailed account of the Order throughout the jurisdiction. He reports the present membership to be 3,659, a net gain over 1890 of 678. Sixty-one Chapters had reported and sixty had paid dues. There are seventy-five Chapters in good standing. The treasury is in good condition, having over a thousand dollars surplus after the allowances made by the finance committee.

The Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patron and Associate Matron were installed by R. W. G. Secretary, Lorraine J. Pitkin, assisted by Sister Maria Jackson as Grand Marshal. P. G. P. Jackson offered the following resolution which was followed by the appointment of a committee consisting of G. H. Jackson, T. R. Ercauback and Jennie E. Mathews:

It being the opinion of this Grand Chapter that the Masonic Fraternity should have a Home for indigent Masons and their orphans. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Grand Matron appoint a committee of one Past Grand Matron and two Past Grand Patrons to correspond with all Eastern Star Chapters, Blue Lodge, Royal Arch Chapters and Commanderies of the State of Iowa to ascertain what can be done toward the erection of the Home and report progress at the next annual meeting. This committee shall be paid mileage same as an elective office.

An allowance, not to exceed \$100.00, was made with which to purchase a Past Grand Matron's jewel for the retiring Grand Matron, Sister Ercauback.

On Wednesday evening the degrees were conferred by the officers of Clinton Chapter, the work being well rendered and the Floral Work was impressively given.

Thanks were given Clinton Chapter for its kindly acts and generous hospitality in which with one consent all joined.

The first three officers will name the next place of meeting.

The following officers were installed by M. W. G. M., Nettie Ransford, with R. W. G. S., Lorraine J. Pitkin as W. G. Mar.:

Mrs. Maria Jackson, Council Bluffs, G. M.; Frank M. Howard, Clinton, G. P.; Mrs. Lizzie L. Carhart, Manchester, Asso. G. M.; Andrew J. Salts, Corning, Associate G. P.; Eugene B. Dyke, Charles City, G. Secretary; Mrs. Jennie A. Rule, Mason City, G. Treas.; Mrs. Ada M. Davis, Clear Lake, G. Con.; Mrs. Della M. Waterbury, Marshalltown, A. G. Con.; Rev. E. S. Johnson, Danbury, G. Chap.; Mrs. Kate Ball, Mt Pleasant, G. Adah; Mrs. Allie Baxter, Sac City, G. Ruth; Mrs. F. E. Inman, Sanborn, G. Esther; Mrs. S. J. Taylor, Des Moines, G. Martha; Mrs. Clara J. Burke, Harlan, G. Electa; Mrs. Jennie Cheshire, Rhodes, G. War.; Theo. Schreiner, Mt. Pleasant, G. Sentinel.

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ART OF CONVERSATION.

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We remember reading in the *Nineteenth Century* an article by Lord Ribblesdale on "The Art of Conversation." Just what was in the Article we do not altogether clearly remember. That there was some description therein of the methods of a certain friend of the writer who had attained to some distinction in London drawing-rooms as a conversationalist, we remember very well. This gentleman, it seemed, prepared himself for "tea fights" and "muffin scrambles" as we have heard them called in England, and for other social functions where tea, women and conversation were the staple, much as an undergraduate prepares himself by "cramming" for an examination. Lord Ribblesdale held his friend up to ridicule, laughed at his stores of neatly assorted anecdotes, pooh-poohed at his collection of old magazine articles, and in general scoffed at the thought of preparation for conversation. To those, however, who are much dined and tead, and drawn into the social labyrinths where conversation obtains as the main relaxation, the thought of preparation for conversation—on the part of other people—comes as a very welcome suggestion. When a man goes to another man's house as his guest he usually prepares himself as to everything except his mind. But he goes oftentimes as a whited intelligent sepulcher, cleansed and shining without, dull, tired, eaten up with worries within. Nor is he usually in the least conscience-stricken to go thus mentally naked into the presence of his friends. Just why one should not take fifteen minutes or half hour in an easy chair to collect one's self and to prepare one's self to drop honey here and salt there, and thus do his share at feast or function, we know not.

If men and women were so constructed that the business of life could go on interminably and thus be the staple product of conversation wherever they met together, it were well enough to trust to "shop" for all one's needs. But this is not so. It is not merely agreeable to have change and rest, it is a necessity of human existence, and wherever and whenever man or woman lifts the curtain upon a new scene, or provides a new picture of life, or leads one beside the still waters or into pastures fresh and green, there is a new impetus given to life; and of the innumerable ways in which such inspiration may spend itself for the good of humanity, no one can calculate or determine. It may not be an heroic part to play, but wielding a sword is not so efficacious in a case of fainting as waving a fan. Just to give a little freshness to the social air is often enough to do a very good deed in a tired world. No one need be ashamed, therefore, we should think, to give himself a little private coaching with this end in view. The beasts rush at their meals and rend and tear and chew and swallow, but this is neither wholesome nor proper for men and women. And yet in some households the gathering

together about the table is a sullen, silent affair, where no one feels responsible for cheerfulness, and where in consequence, the clouds and thick darkness of dyspepsia settle down, without a flash of social lightening or a roar of conversational thunder to break the dull drippings of the monotonous shower. We remember very distinctly, on the other hand, an establishment where from ten to fifteen members of a large family gathered daily at the table and where it was a mark of infamy almost upon each one who did not make an effort to add to the general fund of conversation. They were busy people, too—the men busy with affairs sometimes of large dimensions, the women busy with the care of a large establishment and the demands of a widely varied social life. They all had cares and disappointments, and some of them very real sorrows, but when they met together they gave in, each one, something to the store of general happiness.

For The Eastern Star.

AS IT WAS TOLD ME.

It was one of those early days of Autumn when the loungers in the park look up a bit and appear to shake off the lethargy that has devoured them during the summer; when spanking teams and elegant turn-outs again roll up and down the Avenue; when the great shops are crowded and the papers full of the coming home announcements of the privileged few.

I have little enough to do with all that, but I was going to visit Aunt Mollie Blake who lives on Twenty third Street, and my way lay through it all, you might say. You see, I left the Island and took the Twenty-third Street car at the Thirty-fourth Street Ferry, for she lives over beyond Sixth Avenue and it is too far to walk. And the stores, the hotels, Madison Square, the glimpses I had of Fifth Avenue and Broadway all seemed such a contrast to the story Aunt Mollie told me that evening in the dusk.

Aunt Mollie has a room all the time—second floor back, it is now—which she occupies when not engaged and where she keeps her things, and which she calls home, in fact. She was expecting me and had supper almost ready. The folding-bed stood in one corner and played it was a mantle during the day with such poor results that it could not deceive. The gas stove stood behind a screen, on the inner surface of which hung sundry pots and skillets in which Aunt Mollie Blake prepared her meals when through one position and not on with another.

There was the table, in which was concealed a washstand, covered with a white cloth. On it was laid with mathematical precision the knives, forks, spoons, sugar-bowl and creamer of best plated ware. A crusty loaf, and sugar-covered fried cakes, with a dish of oress and another of salmon, foreshadowed the little repast, while the smell of potatoes warmed in butter came from behind the screen, just as it used to from the old cook stove in the old kitchen at home.

And, some how, I never smell potatoes cooked that way without the smell like an incense taking me back to the old farm when the dark fell early in the autumn and the fire felt good, when the chores were done and father sat in the old red armchair and waited for supper while the potatoes sputtered in the frying-pan, the kettle sang a merry little tune to itself, the tea spread an aroma over the room and the piles of buttered toast peeped from the oven and looked so good.

That smell always brings back the dusty white road lined with trees where I walked ankle-deep through the dead leaves and inhaled their odor, where I picked up hickory nuts and walnuts and butternuts till I was tired and hungry and then, when the sun went down and I trudged home and came in the kitchen door how good those potatoes did smell, and how good mother looked stirring them and having a pleasant word for each one of us as we gathered in the old kitchen.

But, dear me, I was going to tell you about the story Aunt Mollie Blake told me and not about dear, old mother's fried potatoes.

We ate our supper and I helped Aunt Mollie do up the work and then we sat down in the dark, and we just naturally got to talking of our profession.

We were both nurses, or rather, she was, and I was going to be some day when I had completed the course. I had just been detailed for service in the maternity ward and was to commence duty the next day and Aunt Mollie Blake was telling me how cautious one must be in watching the poor, ignorant, depraved creatures.

"Ah," I said, "how sad it is that they don't want them, don't care for them, and think only of ridding themselves of the little souls for which they are responsible."

"Yes," said she "and whenever I think of the poor miserable things, I always think of the case of Mary Smith."

I coaxed Aunt Mollie to tell me about her, for Aunt Mollie has strange tales that she can tell from her varied experience in the great city.

"I was almost through with my three years' course at Charity and was in the lying-in ward and at the head of the department, with three nurses under me and a corps of convicts to scrub and do the dirty work."

"I remember well when this particular 'Mary Smith' came. You would naturally suppose the Smith family the most depraved alive were you not aware it was the most common alias in use, and that nearly all the names entered on the hospital books were assumed."

"It was a terrible evening, very dark, very wet and cold. She came over with a few others on the last boat, evidently a country lass. She looked not over twenty-one, and was dressed in some quiet, dark stuff. She was well built, too, and only looked sad and anxious, and not wicked as so many of them do."

She was admitted to my ward and I must

say she behaved uncommonly well with never a bad word or action. She would sit quietly by the window and gaze out on the waters for hours. But when she raised her eyes they were haunted eyes, with volumes of sorrow and wrong in their depths.

"Then, one morning she found that she could not get up, and you know the rest. She slept, to wake with the child beside her."

"She gazed on it, and I believe the living proof of her sin turned her mad. She simply refused to touch it, said she would not, and we held her by main force while the baby nursed. Several days passed thus, she would let the babe lie at the foot of the bed uncovered and cold till one of the nurses would see her and force her to care for it properly."

"Then we lost the babe in the next cot and when it was carried away, there was such a savage gleam in her eyes that I felt sure she had learned a lesson and would try to profit by it. I was right, but it came while I was off duty, she smothered the little thing with her elbow, and when it was found, it was dead, quite dead."

Oh, no, it is not an uncommon occurrence. It was the punishment that was uncommon. In just two weeks from the time she killed her child, her arm was amputated at the shoulder. There seemed to be no cause, she was previously healthy, with pure blood, and this terrible thing came upon her as a curse from a just God. What a scene it was, the gray amphitheatre crowded with students, the operating table in the centre surrounded by white-haired professors, the uniformed nurses and assistants, with that poor wild-eyed, white-faced creature in the midst.

They gazed down upon her as the populace of old may have gazed down upon a savage beast in the arena. As she lay there the professor told her story in a few words, adding that the only cause he could find was that it came as a direct punishment.

"She was put in the surgical ward and cared for there till able to leave the hospital, keeping her own council—for neither threats nor coaxing revealed her true name or address."

"Was she not tried, auntie?" I asked.

"Why no, you see it is too common. Two or three would have to be arrested in a week and it would only publish the crime. They simply hush matters up, but that does not prevent a great wrong being done, and what," said Aunt Mollie "will be the end of a state of society in which such things are of common occurrence."

"Well, to continue, I saw her leave in the launch for the main land. I put some money into her hand. She never thanked me, never looked at me, but melted away into the winter's fog like a ghost, a dull impassive piece of misery."

"Aunt Mollie," I whispered, "did you ever hear of her after?"

"It was a week after she was sent away that the tide threw a body on the rocks at the back of the hospital. It was sodden and covered with slime and ooze. When they examined it at the morgue, they discovered

it was a woman whose arm had recently been amputated at the shoulder.

"It might have been, or might not have been the woman who called herself Mary Smith."

And I gazed over the roofs, up to the bit of sky where a lurid reflection of the red lights below lit up the clouds, and thought of Vice and Misery, those two hags that go hand in hand, leaving hideousness in their wake, and he who embraces one, must endure the other. Poor soul, poor soul!

I breathed, "Could I reach them, in hospitals and dungeons, in huts of misery and dens of shame, in the highways and byways where vice has claimed them for its own!"

But Aunt Mollie said, "Do the Duty which lies nearest thee. The thing which you know to be a duty, and a second duty will already have become clear."

Alice Strong.

A QUERY.

[Being unable to answer intelligently "pass it to the brothers" and trust they will not slight a sister's appeal for light.]

DEAR SISTER:—In looking over a Masonic Journal, which was handed me by a friend, my eye fell on an article with this caption: "Women Freemasons. By Brother H. J. Whymper."

In this article the writer positively asserts that a number of ladies have been initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry; and he not only states the fact, but he gives the names of several ladies who have been received by the Fraternity.

Now we have always understood that Masonry proscribes woman, by a law as unchangeable as that of the Medes and Persians. So you may judge of our surprise, when we found such a contradictory statement in the pages of a Masonic Journal, and our only solution of the mystery is, a rule we learned at school, viz. That "every general rule has an exception," and Masonry, (notwithstanding her statements to the contrary) is no exception to the general rule.

As an editor is expected to answer all questions, and explain all unexplainable things, I would most respectfully submit this puzzling subject to you for consideration, and if you feel that you cannot take it up please pass it to one of the brethren, and perhaps he may make it clear to us.

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MENDIAS'S "FAREWELL."

It was the last days of Sister Snedden's stay with them, and Mendias Chapter desired to emphasize its regret at her leaving. It is nineteen years since the re-organization of Mendias Chapter, and she was one of the charter members, and has never missed a meeting when in the city and able to attend. Accordingly she was invited to the home of the Worthy Matron, Sister Towner, to take tea and accompany Sister and Brother Towner to the Theater. On the way there Brother Towner desired to stop at the Chapter-room on an errand, and the fact was disclosed to Sister Snedden that

she was the chief actor in the play for that evening, and the plot was to surprise her.

The invitation had been extended to the Chapters in Kansas City, Mo., and they were well represented, as of course was Mendias. The company was called to order by the Worthy Matron, who stated the object of the call as follows:

SISTERS, BROTHERS, AND VISITORS:—We have met here, this evening to show our love and respect for one of our members who is about to leave us to make her home in another city, one who has been associated with us in the work of this Chapter that it seems to us that we will be like a ship without a Captain, and indeed we have great reason to be proud that her name is enrolled as a member of Mendias, for I find in looking over the records that she has filled the official chairs of her own Chapter with honor, also the chairs of A. G. M., G. M. and G. S., and in September of '89 was elected R. W. G. A. M. of the General Grand Chapter, that being next to the highest office in our beautiful Order, and now Sister Snedden, allow me to present to you these flowers as a slight token of the love I have for you, and that your life may be crowned with success and your pathway strewn with flowers, is the earnest wish of Mendias.

Past Matron, Sister Ericsson, then stepped forward and with the following remarks presented Sister Snedden, in behalf of the Chapter, with three solid silver souvenir spoons. They were marked "Kansas City, Kan.," "Wyandotte," "Mendias," and on the reverse side of each, "M. C. S. '91." "They were made to order and are exquisite in design and workmanship."

SISTERS AND BROTHERS:—Sister Snedden, to whom we are about to bid farewell, has been our staff to lean upon, our star to guide us, and our brightest light. Teaching us by illustrating the many virtues of her life that we may leave as bright a record. We will miss her, yes, we will miss her in our Chapter and in our homes. In token of the love and esteem we bear her, I present her in behalf of Mendias Chapter, this token of love.

It is unnecessary to say that the recipient of this love token fully appreciated all, though attested in few and broken words. Sunshine was restored by the timely remark of Brother Martin, "It is time to take a drink," and all repaired to the banquet-room where was enjoyed the feast set by the sisters of Mendias.

DON'T SCOLD.

[Exchange.]

For the sake of your children, don't scold. It is a great misfortune to have children reared in the presence and under the influence of a scold. The effect of the everlasting complaining and fault-finding of such persons, is to make the young who hear it unamiable, malicious and callous-hearted, and they often learn to take pleasure in doing the very thing for which they receive tongue-lashings. As they are always getting the blame of wrong-doing whether they do it or not, they think they might as well do wrong as right. They lose all ambition to strive for the favorable opinion of a fault-finder, since they see they always strive in vain. Thus a scold is not only a nuisance, but a destroyer of the morals of children.

HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY AND CONCORDANT ORDERS.

In the issue of September we called attention to the work which bears the above caption. It is a comprehensive and reliable work, and is published in a single volume by the Fraternity Publishing Company of Boston. It is at a price that puts it within the means of any member, and should be among his possessions. Its treatment of the history of the Fraternity in its various branches is complete, and is a fund of useful information, which, while being statistical, is also exceedingly interesting. No pains has been spared to make it just what will meet the demands of the Craft. The twenty-one divisions are divided into five points, and each bears the name of its author. There are forty-eight illustrations, and it is a substantially bound volume of convenient size. It bears an especial interest to the members of the O. E. S. because it includes among the Concordant Orders of Freemasonry, the Order of the Eastern Star.

It is often said that a good Mason is a reading Mason, and it may be said with equal truth of a member of the O. E. S. Every member should be interested to know of the Order under whose banner they have enlisted and particularly when within their reach lies the means of information. The work should find a place not only in every Masonic library, but in the library of every Mason and member of the O. E. S. It receives the highest endorsement from the Masonic press.

In Christ's Church, in Dublin, Ireland, there is one of the most curious Masonic monuments in the world. It is that of Mrs. Aldworth, perhaps the only woman who was ever really initiated into the mysteries of Masonry. She was the Hon. Elizabeth St. Leger, and the only daughter of Arthur St. Leger, first Viscount Doneraile. She married Richard Aldworth of New Market. At the time the meetings of lodge 44, an aristocratic lodge, were held at Doneraile house, her brother Lord Doneraile, who succeeded his father in 1728, being worshipful master. On one occasion the adventurous young lady, hearing the lodge was about to assemble, was anxious to hear what was going on, and, according to one account, she concealed herself in a clock, and according to another she saw the proceedings of the lodge through a crevice in the wall. That she was made a Freemason is undoubted, though when so made does not quite so clearly appear. Her portrait in Masonic clothing hangs in many of the Irish lodge-rooms and relics of her are preserved, such as her apron and chair. In the Masonic Library hall in Philadelphia the wall is adorned with what is called an excellent portrait of this famous Mason and a historic sketch of her Masonic career.—American Tylor.

Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher's personal memoirs of her husband, under the title of "Mr. Beecher as I Knew Him," will begin in the October issue of *The Ladies' Home Journal*.

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years will be revived in a couple of weeks by the same officers. He is to preach a Masonic sermon on one night, and on the next evening the old members are to assemble and see if the old Chapter cannot be put in working order.

Big Springs Chapter had a splendid time on Festal day. They commenced their work at eight o'clock in the morning by the installation of officers. Then in carriages they proceeded to the cemetery and decorated the graves. At twelve o'clock they had a luncheon in the Chapter-room, when all returned home, until seven p. m. when they again assembled in their Chapter-room and had dramas, farces, cantatas, tableaux, etc. etc., and a good time generally. This Chapter is to be congratulated on its very efficient Worthy Matron and excellent Secretary. It is noted for its harmony and is one of the very best Chapters in the State.

Leonard Chapter, that was very much discouraged and talked strongly of surrendering its charter, reports a real good time at its last meeting, which was election of officers. I send you an extract of a letter to me. "I read your letter to the Chapter. It contained so much that was of benefit to us. I feared for a long time that I would be under the painful necessity of reporting a dead Chapter. But our Chapter has taken on new life, and at our last meeting, which was election night, we had a real good time. We are going to have a public installation of officers and dinner on Festal day. I wish that you were near enough to come and enjoy the occasion with us." Is this not encouraging?

From all reports received at the present time, I take it for granted that the Chapters are making a better showing than formerly. Several have wanted to surrender their charter because the times were so hard, and the weather so bad, that they could not get good meetings, but I would write and beg them to hold on a little longer. So far I have been very successful in persuading them to remain with us. I have found a number of Eastern Star Chapters that are doing good work for the Order, but are not under the supervision of this Grand Chapter. It is the intention to visit a couple of them and persuade them to come with us. One of them was surprised that there was a Grand Chapter in the State. J. C.

P. S.—During August a fire destroyed the Masonic Hall in Dallas, thereby destroying all of the jewels, badges and everything belonging to Dallas Chapter. This Chapter had a hard road to travel and has met with several disappointments, but its officers and members still persevere looking forward to better times.

WASHINGTON.

Portland Chapter called off for the month of August on account of so many being away on their vacations. At our first meeting in September five were elected to receive the degrees and eighteen petitions were presented. The officers are all very enthusiastic in

the work and have had frequent rehearsals. Also they have learned the Floral Work, which we think is a great addition. The work was highly complimented by visiting members from California and Southern Oregon. The good work has only begun in Portland.

Lorraine Chapter, Seattle, is in a very prosperous condition with a membership of about two hundred, and an attendance of from fifty to seventy each meeting. The work is well done. At the close of the Chapter meeting of September 16, there was a very interesting ceremony performed, being nothing less than the baptism of the infant daughter of the Sentinel and Sister Martha. The little one was named for the Matron and the Chapter, and the Matron acted as god-mother and the Patron as god-father. The Rev. Brother Damon officiated. The infant's name is Alice Lorraine Knight. It was presented with a beautiful silver cup from the Chapter, a silver spoon from the Matron, and some fine dishes from the Patron, after which refreshments were served and I think all enjoyed themselves. On Wednesday, September 30, Lorraine Chapter will visit Fern Chapter at Tacoma, arrangements have been made for an especial boat to be run for their accommodation. A. S. G.

ONE WOMAN.

[Carrie Lane Chapman in The Woman's Standard.]

Mrs. Alice M. Houghton, one of the members of the Board of Lady Managers for the World's Fair from Washington, is one of the products of this century of women. A few years ago she came to Spokane Falls, with an invalid husband, in hope of benefitting his health. There was no improvement, and she presently discovered that the time would come when she must turn breadwinner. A piece of property was placed on sale for \$2,500. She found a friend to unite with her in its purchase. She had but \$250 of her own, but she went to a friend and asked for a loan of \$1,000. He was considerably surprised at her audacity, but when he learned that the property was good for the amount, he advanced the money. In less than a year she was enabled to sell her interest for enough to pay her debt and a plump \$1,000 beside. This she invested again and with such success she concluded to go into the real estate business. She established an office, put out her sign and awaited business. It came, and during the "boom" period her business transactions covered \$300,000. In the month of January, this year, her net profits were \$18,000. She still maintains her office and is not only respected as a successful and reliable business woman, but as a leader of intellectual society. She has some original ideas as to the work of Washington women for the World's Fair, and is abundantly capable of putting them into active work. She is president of the Spokane "Sorosis," a club of women, and an honorary member of the Board of Trade. Mrs. Houghton wants to vote.

BURIED CITIES.

The city under the sea which has been discovered between Grado and Pola, in Istria, is believed to be the ruins of Cilsa, mentioned by Pliny as situated on an island of that name. A diver reports having seen the streets, walls and quays, but the doors and windows of the houses appear to be choked with silt and seaweed. While on this subject, says Cassell's Family Magazine, we may mention that the remarkable ruins of Zimbabwe, which have been discovered in Mashonaland, are to be explored by Theodore Bent, with the aid of the Royal Geographical Society. Great progress has been made in unearthing the Romano-British town of Silchester, near Reading. The site covers 100 acres, and is situated on the Strathfieldsaye estate of the Duke of Wellington. Walls, gates, streets, baths and private houses have been laid bare, and a rich collection of pottery, implements and coins have been made. Among these are an iron carpenter's plane and blacksmith's tools. Some of the edge tools are still keen enough to work with. A piece of tile retains the imprint of a baby's foot, and another that of a shoe or sandal with springs in the sole. The pottery ranges from coarse cooking vessels to artistic ware; the iron work shows ornamentation and the needles or other household articles bear witness to a fairly high degree of civilization among the Ibero-Celtic population, who, to the best of our knowledge, made up the ancient Britons. It is a mistake to speak of these, our early forefathers, as Celts. They were probably more Iberian than Celtic, at least in England proper.

GOLD-CRESTED BEAUTIES.

This lovely little bird is so small and light that it can cling suspended on the end of a single narrow leaf, or needle of pine, and it does not depress the least branch on which it may light, writes Andrew Lang in Longman's Magazine. The gold crest frequents the loneliest heath, the deepest pine wood and the immediate neighborhood of dwellings indifferently. A Scotch fir or pine grew so near a house in which I once lived that the boughs almost brushed the window, and when confined to my room by illness it gave me much pleasure to watch a pair of these wrens who frequently visited the tree. They are also fond of thick thorn hedges, and, like all birds, have their favorite localities, so that if you see them once or twice in one place you should mark the tree or bush, for they are almost certain to return. It would be quite possible for a person to pass several years in the country and never see one of these birds. There is a trick in finding birds' nests and a trick in seeing birds. The first I noticed was in an orchard; soon after I found a second in a yew tree close to a window, and after that constantly came upon them as they crept through the brambles or in hedge rows, or a mere speck up in a fir tree. So soon as I had seen one I saw plenty.

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Light, published at Worcester, Mass., contains an excellent portrait of Grand Secretary, Brother Daniel Seagraves, also a sketch of his life.

The readers of THE EASTERN STAR will bear in mind that Chapter supplies of any and every kind can be ordered by writing to the paper.

The Proceedings of the Grand Chapter Meetings for 1881 of Missouri, Vermont and New Hampshire are received and thanks are returned for the same.

Will the subscribers kindly notify the office when the paper fails to reach them? We will supply the missing number and use our best efforts to remedy all such tendencies.

At the recent session of the Grand Chapter of Iowa the Grand Officers were presented with beautifully hand painted badges, the work being done by S. C. Bates, the donor.

The *Masonic Chronicle* of Columbus, Ohio, in its September issue has a portrait of the senior member of THE EASTERN STAR Company, also a sketch of her life, copied from other publications, and remarks by the editor.

Sister Emma M. Thomas, Worthy Matron of Maple Chapter, Englewood, Illinois, will please accept thanks for the very cordial invitation to attend the meeting of September 18, and the senior member of this company regrets her inability to do so.

Sister Sallie E. Dillon, Grand Secretary, in less than a month after the meeting of the Grand Chapter of Missouri, had the proceedings of that Body sent out. There are few, if any, brother Grand Secretaries that can present a better record.

The *Sunday News*, of Detroit, Michigan,

contains a portrait of Sister Sarah J. LaTour, editor of the O. E. S. department in the *American Tyler* and Secretary of Hayward Chapter. Sister LaTour is one of the world's busy women and very active in the O. E. S.

SISTERS:—Do you want some handsome visiting cards—O. E. S. monogram embossed in gilt, with name, residence and name of Chapter to which you belong? Well, send eight yearly subscribers to THE EASTERN STAR and in return receive a hundred beautiful cards.

The sisters will please bear in mind the call that has been made through the columns of THE EASTERN STAR for "Minnie," the young girl in whose interest brother J. H. VanHoose, of Fayetteville, Arkansas, is laboring. There are few but that can respond to the call for dime contributions.

Invitations are received to attend the Grand Chapters of Michigan, Illinois, Connecticut, California and Texas, and thanks are returned for the remembrance, with sincere regret that we cannot enjoy all. In spirit we shall be at each, and for each we wish a pleasant and prosperous meeting.

The subscribers of THE EASTERN STAR will bear in mind that all subscriptions are continued until an order from the subscriber to discontinue is received, and that it should be sent at the close of the term of subscription. To receive a paper from one to more months and then order it discontinued without paying arrearages is not quite up to the standard of the "Golden Rule."

To all whom it may concern: Greeting:—For five yearly subscribers to THE EASTERN STAR, will be given a beautiful membership badge of the Order.

For ten yearly subscribers will be given a gold O. E. S. pin.

For twenty yearly subscribers will be given a beautifully enameled, solid gold O. E. S. charm.

Mrs. A. S. Fowler has removed from North Meridian to 25½ East Washington street. She has a beautiful suite of rooms, newly and tastily furnished with every convenience and comfort for customers. They are only surpassed by her elegant new stock of everything in the line of hair goods or cosmetics. There are nicely fitted separate rooms where shampooing and hair dressing can be done, and by artists in that line. Old and new friends will be gladly welcomed and courteously treated.

THE EASTERN STAR calls the attention of of its readers to its advertisements. While not simply an advertising sheet, it is an excellent medium through which to reach the people. It goes into over forty States and Territories, as also over the sea. None but reliable, first-class firms are represented in its columns, those to whom an order will receive prompt attention, and be as well filled as though it were being individually purchased. With each and all, fair dealing and courteous treatment is a rule.

By the removal of Brother and Sister George H. Dunham to Nantucket, Mass., Queen Esther loses two of its valued members, and the auxiliary a faithful attendant and efficient worker. Sister Dunham has endeared herself to the Sisters of both Chapter and Auxiliary, and they part with her with sincere regret. As a slight token of remembrance and best wishes, the Auxiliary presented Sister Dunham with a beautiful O. E. S. charm. All join in wishing for our sister and brother health, peace and prosperity.

The picture of the Grand Officers of Iowa, with the addition of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, has just reached us, and the work is excellently done. It was a happy thought of the artist and if all enjoy it as we do, it will give pleasure to several. It will make a nice adornment for the office of THE EASTERN STAR, and the thought comes to us that it would be very pleasant to have several companion pieces of the Grand Officers of other Jurisdictions, with whom it has been our pleasure to meet. We shall find inspiration by looking into the faces of Iowa's earnest workers. The picture was taken by Bro. Furguson of Clinton, Iowa.

THE EASTERN STAR is under obligations to many friends for kindnesses in sending both news and subscriptions, and it fully appreciates all efforts made in its behalf. Since it began its pilgrimage, now over three years ago, it has found many ready to "give it a lift," and but for these kindly offerings it could not have pursued its way. One sister above all others has never for one month failed to send news, Sister R. Emily Little, of Charlestown, Massachusetts, has been of the faithful, the most faithful, and that without the acceptance of compensation. If words could tell the thanks that such kindness merits we would gladly say them, but they fail to convey the fullness of the heart. We can only hope that as to us-ward has come this gift, we may fail of no opportunity to measure to others as we have received.

With the coming of the long evenings, comes also the thought of how best to interest the members that the Chapter attendance may be good. A very natural thought that follows, is to offer amusement of some nature. While this is pleasant, it is not always profitable. Not that amusements are not to be given, but they should not be depended upon to create an interest that is enduring. Let the work always be rendered in full, and with that earnestness that makes it real. Let the spirit of good fellowship abound. Open the Chapter on time, and if the regular officers are absent do not allow the stations to remain unfilled, but call another to the position. Try, upon such occasions the new material that may be at hand. Very efficient officers may be found by testing the ability. Do not perform the work as though it was a task to be hurried through with, but give it as though you appreciated the words that were being uttered, and your heart was

attuned to the spirit underlying them. This first and amusements after.

October seems to be a favorite month for Grand Chapter meetings, seven being holden during the month. Illinois will hold its seventeenth annual meeting in Chicago, beginning October 6. Cards of invitation are issued and a printed program gives the arrangement of business and the names of standing committees. The second week of October, Michigan Grand Chapter will meet in its twenty-fifth annual session, at Ithica. The members and visitors to be the guests of Myrtle Chapter. Invitations are issued. Cards of invitation announce the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, in its eighteenth annual session at Waterbury. Ohio will hold its third annual meeting at Cleveland. Texas will meet at San Angelo as the guests of the resident chapter. California holds its meeting in San Francisco and Montana Grand Chapter will hold its first annual meeting as the guests of Ruth Chapter, Butte. From these Grand luminaries should go forth gleams of brightness that shall penetrate many darkened places. THE EASTERN STAR sends greeting to each and all, and trusts that the meetings may be fruitful of good will, and that that zeal which should actuate all who are engaged in the service of truth may abound.

The question of finance is one which should be carefully considered by every Chapter. Carelessness or indifference on the part of the Secretary, in properly notifying the members of their indebtedness, causes confusion, and possibly disaster to many an otherwise prosperous Chapter. And the members should not allow the notices of the Secretary to pass unheeded. A debt of this nature should be as promptly met as any. Any Chapter is inclined to be lenient to an extreme degree, with those who are unable to pay, and any Chapter with justice to itself should require those who are able, to pay their Chapter dues at the time required by the By-Laws. It is the duty of the Secretary to see that those who are delinquent are reported to the Chapter. After proper notice has been served charges should follow. Those who do not appreciate the privileges of the Order sufficiently to either pay their dues, or if that be not possible ask for remission or demit, should be deprived of all benefits. Of course, to ask that ones dues be remitted is no easy matter, and it costs a sacrifice of pride to acknowledge ones inability to meet such an obligation, and yet, in the labyrinth of life there are many sharp turns, and to whom should one go with greater freedom than to those who have promised to aid and comfort. It will be only a few short weeks until the close of the year, when every Chapter should be ready to render an account of its year's work. Unpaid dues make very ragged, unsightly edges in the work of the Secretary, and leaves the Chapter unable to do its duty in case of a call for help. No work can be successfully carried on without money, and the

individual member that will wilfully place a Chapter in financial embarrassment is unworthy to be counted among us. If notified of indebtedness there is no occasion for anger on the part of members receiving such notice, rather should they apologize for the necessity of sending. It is past understanding how a member of our Order can deem the payment of dues other than a just debt.

MUNCIE'S OUTING.

September 2, in the pleasant grove of Mr. Runyan, south of Muncie, Middletown and Muncie Chapters spent a pleasant day picnicing. The grove was beautiful and the day perfect. The morning was spent in forming acquaintances. At noon came that especial feature of every gathering in the woods, and one in which all join—the dinner. After dinner, various games were enjoyed by old and young. The time to say "farewell" came only too soon. The members of the two Chapters parted, hoping that the new acquaintances formed would not be forgotten, but that such meetings might be more frequent. S.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Sister Sybel J. Tubbs, of California, is spending the winter in Emerson, Iowa.

Sister Sallie C. Conner, Grand Matron of Arkansas, is the mother of a new baby boy.

Sister Hugo Secretary of Zenith Chapter, Duluth, Minnesota, has returned home after an extended trip through Canada.

Mrs. Lydia P. Moore, St. Louis, Mo., recently deceased, by her will bequeathed \$14,000 to the Masonic Home of Missouri.

Sister Sophia M. Hodges, Past Grand Matron of Minnesota, will spend the winter in Indiana. Sister Hodges is also President of Garfield Corps, W. E. C., St. Paul.

Sister Edna L. Hedges, Grand Matron of Montana, has returned from an extended trip and is ready to give her time and attention to the work of the Order in her jurisdiction.

Sister Mary C. Snedden, R. W. A. G. M., has removed from Kansas City, Kansas, to St. Louis, Missouri. By the removal of sister Snedden, Mendias Chapter loses one of its most faithful and efficient members. Her address is 3041 Olive St.

Sister Addie M. Billings, Grand Matron of Nebraska, met with quite a serious accident while making a Chapter visit some time since—a sprained ankle—which has retarded her work. However, she hopes soon to dispense with her crutches and enter into the work in earnest.

"SHOULD THE RITUAL BE KEPT UNDER LOCK AND KEY?"

The Order of the Eastern Star is a secret society, and while its ritual does not contain its secret work, proper, it unquestionably is not for public use. Were it so intended the care exercised in its sale would not be used. It is sold only through Grand Secretaries to Subordinate Chapters through their Secre-

taries, and this is done that none shall fall into others hands than those entitled to receive them. A ritual of a secret organization that can be found at any book store would possess very little merit for secrecy. Every member who assumes the obligation is taught that a "seal is set upon their lips as to all that may be made known to them here." This obligation should not be assumed lightly and forthwith forgotten, nor is it one from which there is any release.

In some jurisdictions the sale of the ritual is restricted, and for several reasons this method commends itself to many. When one sees the carelessness exhibited by many who should have a better understanding of the use of the ritual, it argues greatly in favor of restriction. For instance, seeing a ritual lying on a parlor table, carried in the hand to Chapter without being wrapped, or thrown on the carriage seat, and left there while several calls are made on the way to a Chapter Meeting. In many Chapters is a custom to invite those who are not members to join in the social program, and following the close of the Chapter the doors are thrown open and the guests invited into the Chapter room. It is altogether too frequent upon such occasions to see rituals lying about the on different stations. The proper course to pursue at such times, is for the Worthy Matron to instruct the Conductress and Associate, to see that all Chapter belongings are cared for before the doors are opened. Another use of the ritual which detracts from the beauty of the work is for the members during the conferring of the degrees to hold it open, following the lectures. It not only does not look well but makes the officers feel uncomfortable. This matter concerning the careless use, or it may be better named, the abuse of the ritual is not one of minor importance but effects the real life of the Order.

The *Masonic Advocate* of this city comes to our desk with its September issue. The wife of our "next-door neighbor" handed to us. As it is said that a prophet is not without honor save in his own country, we like to show that there are exceptions to the rule. Besides, we plead guilty to the weakness of rather liking the good opinion of our elder brother.

"The September number of the *Masonic Chronicle*, Columbus, Ohio, presents an excellent likeness of Sister Nettie Ransford, Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Accompanying the picture a very complimentary presentation of her varied accomplishments, and her special fitness for the high office she now holds as the first officer of the General Grand Chapter. As her next-door neighbor, for many years past, we certify the correctness of the picture, and fully endorse all the good things said about the original, and echo the sentiment, "that she may live long to enjoy the distinction she has won."

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GLENNINGS.

ARKANSAS.

The Order in the State is still on a progressive march. The present Grand Patron is not wanting in any of the characteristics of a good official and is doing good work.

White River Chapter, Saint Paul, was recently organized. It is composed of active, enthusiastic members, and gives promise of yielding added brightness to our Star in that locality. May success attend it.

CALIFORNIA.

Hermosa Chapter, Santa Ana, has a membership of about eighty and is harmonious and earnest.

Ungava Chapter, Riverside, though not yet two years old, is in a good and prosperous condition, and it is hoped when the members return from their summer outing renewed zeal and interest may be manifest. During the year one link has dropped from their golden chain, and the "outer guard" was called to the great beyond.

DEAR SISTER:—Last Thursday, September 17, I was in San Diego, and by an invitation from the W. M., Georgia A. Matfield (in whom we are all proud to claim a share as our D. D. G. M.) I visited Southern Star Chapter. My visit there was full of enjoyment and pleasure. The degrees of our Order were conferred in a beautiful and impressive manner, and I never fully realized the beauty and solemnity of that part of our work until I saw it rendered by Southern Star Chapter. After the work was finished, by order of the Worthy Matron, the Conductress, Sister Sherwood, was conducted to the East, and by the Worthy Patron, on behalf of the Chapter, presented with a lovely O. E. S. badge in words which conveyed to her the love, honor and esteem in which she is held by the Chapter, and the regret that she must now leave them to make her home in Los Angeles. Then followed refreshments and social converse, and all left the temple feeling that a pleasant evening had passed, and that we had received "help, aid and comfort" in our work. L. E. A.

COLORADO.

Saturday evening, September 12, Glen Eyrie Chapter, under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, was organized at Colorado City, by Brother John McCoach as special Deputy for the R. W. Grand Patron. This Chapter starts with a membership of twenty-six and six petitions for the degrees received. The following officers were installed: W. M., Mrs. Hattie Stephens; W. P., John McCoach; Asso. M., Mrs. Jennie Humphrey, Sec., Miss Helen E. Babcock; Treas., Mrs. Mary Dibble; Con., Mrs. B. L. Kinnie; Asso. Con., Miss Ruth Babcock; Adah, Mrs. Emma Craig; Ruth, Mrs. Mary Potter; Esther, Mrs. Lina Neiswinter; Martha, Mrs. Margaret Kissel; Electa, Mrs. F. B. Smith; Warder, Mrs. B. F. Madison; Sentinel, Mr. Frank Smith. The regular meetings of the Chapter will be held at Masonic Hall on the

second and fourth Thursday evenings in each month. Mc.

Last night, September 17, we entered upon the second year of our Chapter's (Queen City, Denver) existence. Our growth has been phenomenal—two hundred and four members are on our roster and four to come at our next meeting. The Chapter will give a series of entertainments during the coming fall and winter. During the session of the Masonic Grand Lodge here this week we had the pleasure of meeting Brother Geo. D. Greenfield, W. P., and Brother L. Q. Hobbs, Sec., of Colorado Chapter, from the "City above the clouds" (Leadville.) Bro. Greenfield says they are prospering and have a nice balance of cash in the treasury. Their Worthy Matron was obliged to go to California on account of her health. We also had the pleasure of taking by the hand Bro. J. C. Sanford, W. P. of Electa Chapter, at Durango. He says they have a banquet every meeting night. The sisters bring their lunch baskets, etc., and it is first, ice cream and cake, again fruit, and again a melon feast, thus varying the monotony. I think they have struck the keynote to success and good feeling and therefore interest in the Chapter work. Bro. C. was also honored by promotion to Grand Senior Warder of the Grand Lodge. It is a source of gratification to our Order to have such representative men with us. Their influence for good is beyond estimating. All those we had the pleasure of meeting were very enthusiastic stars; owing to the vast assemblage we were unable to "catch on" to any of the other Chapter members. H. A. B.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Savanna Chapter, Lehigh, celebrated its first anniversary on August 31. There were three initiations and installation of officers. Ice cream and cake was served and a very pleasant program rendered, consisting of music, reading and recitation, in which Sisters J. B. Jones, Frary, Benson, I. and A. Cameron, Brothers Miller and Bell took part. The officers recited a very nice poem which was taken from THE EASTERN STAR.

IOWA.

Oak Chapter, Red Oak, was the recipient of a beautiful officers jewels and floor cloth, the gift of the Knights Templar of that place. Sister Ella L. Houghton is the W. M.

Tuesday evening, September 15, the members of Harmony Chapter, Council Bluffs, evidenced their pleasure at having had one of their number selected for the highest office within the gift of the Grand Chapter, by surprising her with an evening visit. Many and sincere were the congratulations offered Sister Jackson, and no one more fully appreciates these loving kindnesses than does the newly elected Grand Matron.

INDIANA.

South Bend Chapter at its last meeting in September conferred the degrees upon one petitioner and two will be received at the first meeting in October, also one petition was received.

Orient Chapter, LaPorte, has resumed work after its summer vacation, and is planning a series of social entertainments for the winter. Sister Nye is a model Worthy Matron, working unceasingly for Orient.

Queen Esther auxiliary held its September meetings with sisters Smythe and Hays, and both meetings were well attended and pleasant. The beautiful Eastern Star quilt which was made and donated by Sister Fatout was sold by chance, Sister Bartholomew holding the lucky number.

ILLINOIS.

Maple Chapter, Englewood, welcomed Sister Kley, D. D. G. M., on Friday evening, September 18. The occasion was the annual inspection, and some new features were introduced in the work, notably, the purging of the Chapter with the use of staffs. The work was beautifully done. Every officer was present, and about one hundred and fifty members and guests from sister Chapters. The use of the stereopticon of course, adds much to the impressiveness of the work, but the feature of the evening was the new robes, a surprise alike to the Deputy and to the Chapter, by the officers who had designed and made them at secret meetings held by them during the past two weeks. The robes are all cream-white, made in the Grecian style, flowing and artistic, and every one present was delighted with the beautiful effect. Our Sister Electa, in a neat little speech, presented our Deputy with flowers, and Sister Kley responded most feelingly. Our Past Matron and A. G. C., Sister Emma K. Tenney, was then presented with flowers by the W. M., Mrs. J. G. Thomas, who voiced the great regret of the Chapter that this was the last meeting of Sister Tenney with the Chapter, in whose interest she has labored long and earnestly. Sister Tenney is so greatly beloved by our members that it is very hard to let her go, but her husband's business calls her to New York, where we hope to speedily learn of her good work in the O. E. S. The floral addenda was given beautifully, the march especially being applauded in the different forms. After the work ice cream and cake were served in the banquet hall, and at a late hour the company left for their homes. Mrs. H. W. Wright was initiated, and there were present from other Chapters Sister Carrier, W. M.; Brother McOmber, W. P., of Miriam; Sister Rankin, W. M. of Queen Esther; Sister Crane, W. M., and Brother Gillispie, W. P. of Auburn Park; Sister Petrie, W. M. of Tracy Chapter; Sister A. C. Van Horn, of Joliet Chapter; and others who brought many friends with them.

E. M. T.

KANSAS.

Osborne Chapter continued to hold its meetings during the hot weather and at the last meeting in July and the first in August received six petitions. A "Rat Pie" social was held on the evening of August 26, which was financially and socially a success.

MONTANA.

Ruth Chapter, Butte City, at its meeting

of September 2, received seven petitions for the degrees and was well attended. It is prosperous both in numbers and finance, though the treasury was somewhat depleted in the early part of the year by calls upon it for those in need.

MINNESOTA.

Lorraine Chapter, Minneapolis, has been holding meetings during the summer with a good attendance, September 5, two petitioners received the degrees.

Constellation Chapter, St. Paul, will begin its winter festivities with a promenade concert, October 7, at which time the Worthy Matron, who has moved to West Superior, Wis., will be present.

Zenith Chapter, Duluth, has resumed its meeting after a vacation of two months. It is a bright Chapter and capably officered, beside having a beautiful hall in which to hold its meetings. May its rays often gleam through THE EASTERN STAR.

Minnehaha Chapter, Minneapolis, U. D., is doing nicely. The two last meetings were very enjoyable indeed. Five candidates were initiated and three petitions were received. At the meeting of September 4 Sister Pattee gave an excellent paper on the "Origin of the Eastern Star" which was much enjoyed.

After many years of patient suffering, Sister Kate Cove is at rest. She was a charter member of Minneapolis Chapter and so long as health would permit was a faithful worker for the Order, and was always to be depended upon for whatever she was called upon to do. Her disease was cancer of the stomach and she had reached her sixty-second year. THE EASTERN STAR joins with the members of the Order in Minneapolis in extending sincere sympathy to the Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter and his daughter, who by this visitation is deprived of wife and mother.

MICHIGAN.

Sylvia Chapter, Buchanan, is in a flourishing condition. In August three petitioners received the degrees and two banquets were indulged in. It has a membership of forty-six.

The annual election of officers for H. C. Kimball Chapter, Iron Mountain, was held on the evening of September 8. Two candidates received the degrees and a collation followed. The meeting was well attended, and was especially enjoyable. A public installation was held September 18, followed by a social. P. P., R. P. Tuten, was installing officer. The officers are: W. M., Grace I. Catlin; W. P., J. S. Hathaway; A. M., Mrs. Mattie Gould; Sec., J. D. Jones; Treas., Mrs. Sadie Lieberthal; Adah, Mrs. Bertha Ordway; Ruth, Mrs. Annetto McLean; Esther, Mrs. Thomasine Carter; Martha, Mrs. Helen Colburn; Electa, Mrs. Marion C. Wright; Con., Miss Allie Wicks; Asso. Con., Miss Kate Scott; Warder, Mrs. Mary Cruse; Sentinel, E. E. Payne; Chaplain, Mrs. Helen Williams; Organist, Mrs. Kate Ingram.

At the annual meeting of Arbutus Chapter,

Lansing, September 5, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Sister Eleanor M. Case, W. M. (re-elected); Bro. Geo. A. Saxton, W. P.; Sister Mary F. Saxton, Asso. M.; Sister Susan K. Winans, Sec., (re-elected); Sister Eliza M. Sutliff, Treas.; Sister Nellie Clark, Con.; Sister Amelia H. Davis, Asso. Con. The officers appointed were: Brother E. H. Porter, Chaplain; Sister Sarah T. Merrifield, Mar.; Sister Emma E. Porter, Adah; Sister Alma R. Butts, Ruth; Sister Harriet A. Tenney, Esther; Sister Lona G. Woodworth, Martha; Sister Julia A. Greene, Electa; Sister Jennie Richardson, Warder; Brother Chas. H. Dunker, Sentinel; Sister Emily P. Barnard, Organist. The interest in Arbutus Chapter continues. During the past year we have had twenty-one meetings, twelve regular and nine special. There have been fifteen candidates elected to receive the degrees and thirteen initiations. One "Golden Link" has been removed from our "chain" by death. With that one exception we have had a pleasant and profitable year, with no trouble or grievance of any kind. On the contrary all our relations have been exceedingly fraternal and harmonious, and I am proud of Arbutus Chapter. E. M. C.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Again the doors to our Chapter rooms are open, and a lively interest is manifest, many of the Chapters showing that the members have not been idle during the summer vacation. Especially is this the case with Keystone Chapter, Boston, two petitions being received and four candidates initiated at the meeting on their opening night, September 8. A large number were present and a very pleasant meeting enjoyed. Tuesday evening September 22, was devoted to a "basket picnic." After a short business meeting the doors were thrown open to the friends who had gathered in the ante-room, and the sale of baskets began. P. P., Chas. A. Wheeler, made sport as auctioneer, by whose efforts a neat sum was thus netted for the treasury. After feasting from the contents of the baskets, the following musical entertainment was presented: Violin solo, by Miss A. Borland; Song, "Faith and Hope" by Mrs. F. K. A. Bliss; the W. P., Bro. P. T. Higgins, sang "McSorley's Twins," and on an encore sang "Solomon Levi." Miss Borland again favored the company on the violin, after which the Worthy Patron sang "Mush Mush"; Sister Bliss closed the entertainment by singing "Out on the Sea." Sister Jennie E. Hicks presided at the piano during the entertainment. A very pleasing episode in the history of this Chapter during the latter part of the vacation season, was a surprise party given in honor of Bro. Harry Bliss and wife (Sister Fannie K. A. Barrows), whose nuptials were celebrated June 24. While quietly enjoying the evening at their cozy rooms, Hotel Maplewood, Allston, Friday evening, September 11, they were greatly surprised by the arrival of a large number of the members of Keystone Chapter, accompanied by the Barvarian

Brass Band, who at once took possession and made Brother and Sister Bliss the guests of the evening. A suite of rooms adjoining those occupied by Brother Bliss had been secured, where a nice banquet had been prepared by the members of the Chapter, and was greatly enjoyed by all. Beside selections by the band, during the evening there were violin solo by Miss A. Borland; piano solos, by Sisters Jennie E. Hicks and Bertha Kellar. Sister Bliss sang several choice selections; while the W. P., Bro. P. T. Higgins caused no little merriment by his rendering of several comic songs. Several of the party enjoyed a quiet game of whist, but perhaps nothing gave more real pleasure than the whole party joining in singing with one accord some well known and familiar hymns. It was in the "wee sma" hours of the morning when the party separated, voting this a day long to be remembered with pleasure by all.

Melrose Chapter, Melrose, held a very pleasant meeting, Friday evening, September 11. Four petitions were received. Visitors were present from Vesta and Beulah Chapters. Arrangements are being made for an "Entertainment and Sale" of useful and fancy articles to be held in November. Those who were so fortunate as to be present at the entertainments given by this Chapter in the early part of the year, will be very sure not miss this one.

Vesta Chapter, Charlestown, held regular meetings Friday evenings, September 4 and 18. One petition was received on the 18. Visitors were present from Queen Esther and Keystone Chapters. A nice collation was served and a very pleasant evening enjoyed.

Beulah Chapter, Stoneham, held a regular meeting Thursday evening, September 17. The work was finely exemplified and a very pleasant meeting enjoyed. Despite the heavy thunder showers in the early evening a goodly number were present, including visitors from Vesta Chapter.

The regular meetings of Mary Love Chapter, Waltham, were held on Wednesday evenings, September 2 and 16. They were well attended, very pleasant and a lively interest manifested. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for a "Lemon Party" to be given in the near future. Visitors were present from Vesta Chapter. An early tea was served on the 16, which was greatly enjoyed.

Signet Chapter, Cambridge, held very pleasant meetings, Wednesday evenings, September 9 and 23. The work was very finely exemplified. Visitors were present from sister Chapters. Arrangements are being made for a "Sale" to be held October 28. Those who failed to see the unique and original arrangement of their Hall for the "Sale" a year ago should be careful not to miss this opportunity. A "Tack and Button Contest" was held at the close of the meeting, September 23, which afforded much amusement,

P. G. P., Bro. F. E. Shaw, winning the prize—a pansy scarf-pin—for sewing buttons and Bro. Packard, the “booby”, which was a wooden button, about four inches in diameter, upon the under side of which was a pen-wiper. Sister Sarah E. Chandler succeeded in driving about twenty five more nails than any other, and received a fan as a reward; while Sister Agnes Henderson captured the “booby”, an immense nail hung on yellow ribbon—her color in the “Star.”

MISSOURI.

Sister Mary E. Wakefield, G. M., has begun her work by sending circulars to each Subordinate Chapter, and to the District Deputies calling their attention to the observance of October 13, which has been designated by the Grand Chapter as “Orphans’ Home Day.” They are urged to do whatever, in the opinion of each, may bring to the treasury the greatest amount of money. Surely, not a chapter within the jurisdiction will slight the call.

The eighth annual interstate picnic of the Eastern Star Chapters of Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas, was held in Merriman Park, near Kansas City, August 31, the birthday of our late Bro. Rob Morris, founder of the Order. The day was most auspicious, and exercises delightful and interesting. Upwards of two hundred were in attendance, representing Chapters in the Kansas Cities, Olathe, Paola, Cameron and other points. Well filled baskets furnished a bountiful dinner. The formal exercises were interesting. Addresses were made by Bro. Wm. Julien, of Olathe, acting president, Bro. S. D. Brooker and Bro. S. L. C. Rhodes of Kansas City, Sister Mary Wakefield, G. M. of Missouri, and Prof. B. S. McFarland, of Olathe. Recitations were given by Sister Inez Townsend, of Paola, and Sister Lottie E. Clark, of Olathe. The newly elected officers were Dr. S. A. Brooker, of Kansas City, Mo., President; Mrs. Laura E. Pettijohn, of Olathe, Kansas, Vice-President; and Mrs. Katie B. Thomas, of Kansas City, Kansas, Secretary and Treasurer. Washington Park, Kansas City, Mo., was selected for the gathering in 1892. The day passed off pleasantly in social intercourse and games, while the young people (and some not so young) “tipped the light fantastic” to merry music in the pavilion.

I must not neglect to give you the opening hymn, which is a composition of our lamented brother, Rob Morris, written for these anniversary meetings.

OUR NATAL DAY.

A voice from every station
Proclaims the Eastern Star,
And bears in consolation
The welcome news afar;
While here in virtue blended,
Apart from selfish care,
We meet by grace attended
Our Natal Day to share.

We join in true devotion
Before our common shrine,
With word and mystic motion
To plead the Throne Divine,
That He, our Friend in sorrow,

Oppressed with age and care,
May God's own mercy borrow,
Our Natal Day to share.

My sisters, brothers, cited
Around this holy place,
To day be all united
Our noble cause to grace;
And every wise declaring
The bright and radiant Star
Go upward, upward bearing
Our Natal Day to share.

So when these happy places
Are vacant all and still,
And dust upon our faces
The Great Decree fulfill;
May souls inspired by duty
This lamp of love still bear,
And come in light and beauty,
Our Natal Day to share.

Your presence, my dear sister, and your golden words, would have added greatly to the pleasure of the day.

E. H. P.

Hesperia Chapter, Kansas City, met in regular session September 1. After routine business, the members proceeded to give a reception in honor of the new Grand Matron, Sister Mary E. Wakefield. Sister Ada H. Bigley, W. M., made the following address: “WORTHY GRAND MATRON:—It is with feelings both of pride and pleasure that we welcome you to-night, recently chosen by the Grand Chapter of Missouri to fill the highest office within its gift. We desire here to ratify and commend the wisdom of that selection and to extend to you that fraternal homage to which your distinguished rank in our Order and your many virtues entitle you. In confiding to your care the honor and responsibility of the Grand Matronship we know that no mistake has been made. Your zeal for the welfare of our Order has been attested by years of patient and self-sacrificing devotion to its interests, and in return for this faithful and earnest work the honor of the exalted office to which you have been called is a fitting and merited reward. In your promotion this Chapter takes especial pride. With its past history your labors have been largely identified, and to your zealous effort and wise counsel both in the ranks, and for awhile as its chief executive officer is directly owing in a large measure its present prosperity. In bidding you a hearty and joyous welcome among us, do not imagine that in our reverence for your official position we lose sight of the sister with whom we have labored so long, and so pleasantly and to whom we are all bound by ties of fraternal esteem and affection. We respect and honor you as the Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star in this jurisdiction, but we love you as the member of Hesperia, the kind and faithful worker among us. Welcome now and always to Hesperia Chapter.”

Responded to by the Grand Matron as follows:

“WORTHY MATRON, SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF HESPERIA CHAPTER, O. E. S.:—The kind and sisterly sentiments expressed, and this generous reception which you have so lovingly tendered to me as the chief officer of this Grand Jurisdiction,

forges another link to the chain of love which binds us together. Realizing the position which I for the ensuing year shall occupy, it affords me the greatest pleasure to know that here surrounded by the brothers and sisters of my own Chapter I can always find loving hearts, whose support and sympathy I have had in the past, and your kind words to-night assure me I shall continue to receive in the future. I wish I could command language to properly express my feelings for your kindly words of welcome and assurances of love, esteem and cheerful co-operation, and my greatest joy will be to so conduct the office of Grand Matron that when my time of service is over, I may merit from the members of Hesperia Chapter the welcome plaudit, “well done.” Sister Martha Chadwick, in a graceful and eloquent manner, presented the Grand Matron a beautiful basket of flowers. The banquet was presided over by Bro. Lilly.

NEBRASKA.

On the evening of September 11, Masonic Hall of Lexington was decorated with flowers and mottoes, in honor of expected guests from Tuscon Chapter, Kearney. Dawson Chapter received her guests most royally, and the beautifully worded welcome from Sister Blakeslee, voiced the sentiment and the spirit that prevailed on that happy occasion, and I feel like offering it to the columns of THE EASTERN STAR.

SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF TUSCON CHAPTER:—In behalf of Dawson Chapter, it becomes my most pleasant duty to extend to you, one and all, the right hand of fellowship and a cordial greeting. Here in this hall, surrounded as we are by those emblems that speak to us in silent language, reminding us of our vows and of the beautiful lessons we have learned at our altar, and in the labyrinth of our emblematical star, we welcome you as our honored guests. Well do we remember a few short months ago the hospitality, cordiality and greeting that we received at your hands in your own beautiful Masonic home, and we have been looking forward to this occasion ever since, in order that we might in some way show to you our appreciation of your well earned fame, for exemplifying that beautiful lesson from the heroine of the second point of our star, “the humble gleaner, Ruth.” Boaz was an exponent of true, unfeigned, disinterested hospitality. Tuscon Chapter has a warm place in the heart of every member of Dawson. We feel that bond that binds together all members of the Eastern Star doubly strong in the presence of your Chapter. We feel that the golden chain, which becomes brighter and brighter, as link after link is added, is resplendent with brilliancy to-night, as your brightness is added to our lustre. We feel that we have added strength to our strength and grace to our grace, and we trust that this interchange of visit may continue from time to time, and be the means of enabling all of us to be more like real sisters and brothers. May we always be ready not only to sympathize in each other,

er's sorrows, advise in trouble and misfortune, but may we also join in festivities. Let hand grasp hand in fraternal fellowship, and may we receive the smile of beneficence in such a way that our eyes may shine with gladness and our tongues loosened with genuine mirth, until we all shall feel that we are a band, whose chief pleasure on this occasion, shall be to let joy be unconfined. and the only emulation we have, will be to vie one with the other, as to who can add the most to the other's happiness. This being true, we shall feel that your visit has made us stronger in the faith that the O. E. S. is the noblest, purest and loftiest in its teachings, the grandest in its loveliness, and the richest in its practical effects of all the organizations founded on the tenets of fraternal and brotherly love. Again I repeat, we greet you from our hearts deepest recesses, and bid you a cordial welcome.

Following this was the exemplification of the work, beautifully rendered, and then a sumptuous banquet fit for the gods, was spread at the Cornland Hotel. At the close of the feast, Dr. Sage, a genial and cultured brother, presided as toast master and wit and good humor prevailed till time bespoke another day. May Dawson live long and flourish.

M. C. L.

EDITOR EASTERN STAR:—It has been three months since the Nebraska Grand Chapter convened at Omaha, a report of which meeting was furnished your valuable paper by our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Nettie Ransford, and it is surely time for our first quarterly report. Even though it has been the warmest and consequently most disagreeable season of the year for work, the Eastern Star work in Nebraska has not been suspended. The first work in order was the installing of officers in the new Chapters. The first Chapters to report ready for installation were Mt. Moriah, of Fairmont, and Beulah, of Norfolk, on July 9. At the request of the Grand Matron the officers of Beulah Chapter and also of Andrew Chapter of Grand Island, were installed by P. G. M., Sister E. J. Scott, as very ably reported in the last issue of this paper. Mt. Moriah Chapter was organized at Fairmont on the evening of December 12, 1890, and at the time of the installation of its officers on the evening of July 9. by the G. M., Sister Billings, it had conferred the degrees upon eleven new members. Can any old Chapter show a better record? The officers who had served under dispensation, were re-elected and every one knew her part of the work. They have a fine set of officers' jewels, officers' robes, and much other regalia. After the installation of officers a banquet was served by the sisters, and at midnight we said good-bye to the members of one of the best equipped and best working Chapters in the State.

From Fairmont the Grand Matron went to David City at the request of the members of Alma Chapter and installed the officers of that Chapter on the evening of July 10. Alma Chapter is among the older Chapters of the State and fully understands the merit of

charitable work and we believe but few, if any Chapters in the State, are doing more in this direction than Alma. Among the members present was one brother who has passed his three score years and ten, and whose gray hairs and tottering steps indicate that he is nearing the other shore where all his loved ones have gone before him. No child is left to smoothe the pathway of his declining years, his home is a Masonic home and he feels that every member of the Chapter who have helped him many years, will go with him all the way and his path will be lighted with their brotherly and sisterly love. Alma Chapter represents a band of earnest workers, and has a most efficient corps of officers. From here the Grand Matron went to Hastings and on the evening of July 13, assisted by Sister Kate Barsby, G. A. C., of Fairmont, the officers of Acacia Chapter, the largest Chapter in the State were installed. This Chapter was instituted on New Year's eve, with a charter membership of seventy-eight which has increased to nearly a hundred. Two new members were initiated that evening and the officers rendered the work in a most exemplary manner. After the work of the evening a banquet was served in the hearty, social manner for which Acacia Chapter is famous. It was a truly delightful evening and we wish every member of the Order could visit them for they could not fail to draw inspiration from their work. It was after the meeting had closed that the Grand Matron fell and sustained a serious injury to one of her limbs which has kept her on crutches ever since.

On the evening of July 28, the first new Chapter of the year was organized at Scotia by the W. M., Sister Addie M. Billings, of Geneva, and the W. P., Brother W. M. Nason, of Omaha. This Chapter starts with a membership of forty and very brilliant prospects. It has for its Worthy Matron, Sister Elfreda E. Wright, a prominent attorney of Scotia, an earnest worker and a lovely woman. Even though a new Chapter, they seemed to understand the custom of banqueting, for after the institution of the Chapter and exemplification of the work, all adjourned to the hotel dining-room, and for an hour were most pleasantly entertained with short talks and pleasing viands. The Grand Officers were delightfully entertained during their stay, and I predict for Crystal Chapter a brilliant future. One pleasing feature of this Chapter is that every member of the Masonic Lodge in Scotia was represented in the Chapter either in person or by some member of his family. With the

Lodge and Chapter so thoroughly united they cannot fail to help each other and to succeed. July 25, the angel of death stretched forth his hand and took from among us Sister Mary A. Webster, of Central City, aged fifty-two years. She was one of the charter members of Evergreen Chapter and one of its most earnest members. She served them as Conductress and as Worthy Matron and was for one year Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska. And thus again our chain has been broken to add one more link to the golden chain beyond the river. Thus our first quarter has closed. "Social events have been reported from all over our State and much good work is being daily accomplished. At the close of another quarter we will come again and trust the report which we shall be able to give will show that good work is being continued in our State.

OHIO.

At Kingsville, Ashtabula County, on September, 18, Orion Chapter, was instituted. In common with many other chapters of the Order, it is blessed with fine looking intelligent officers, and a membership of forty or more of whom they may well be proud. Judge I. N. Hathaway, Grand Worthy Patron of Ohio, inspected at this time Lake Erie Chapter of Ashtabula, whose officers performed the work by his invitation. A most charming banquet followed and completed the evening in a manner that will be a pleasant memory to all who were present. The three first officers of the new chapter are: W. M., Mrs. Jane Kingsley; W. P., Mr. Harlow Carter; Asso. M., Mrs. Dr. Webster. We bespeak for them a place in the affections of the Order, to which they will be sure to be valuable members.

S. E. G.

TEXAS.

Brother Gould, G. P., has returned from a month's visit to his wife and children in Georgia. He was very much improved by his trip.

Tivoli Chapter had public installation of officers, and a real good time to use the language of my correspondent. They have no new additions this year, but hold their own admirably.

Rev. Harry Cassil, Deputy G. P., has organized a new Chapter at Santa Anna, by name, Harmony. The following are its present officers. Mrs. R. W. Leach, W. M.; J. W. Leach, W. P.; Mrs. Lila Morse, A. M.

There are great hopes that an old Chapter at Coleman that has been dead a number of

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NOVEMBER.

November, like a mother mild
Soothing to rest her weary child,
O'er the pathway to dreamland weaves
A web of many tinted leaves,
A blanket bright and soft and warm
Protects her flowers from winter's storm.
The wind croons a lullaby low
Dying to sob in sunset's glow.
Tree boughs naked, shiver and sigh;
No sunbeams pierce the cold gray sky.
Chrysanthemums out in the cold
Nod their petals of crimson and gold,
Asters smile faint where brown leaves drift,
In open hollows, blue snows sift.
Garnered her gold her flowers asleep.
November stays, her watch to keep.

LAURA A. SMITH.

For the Eastern Star.

AN HOUR ON MY BALCONY.

It is Sunday and this particular one is being held sacred for, not by, a Presidential election, and therefore the streets present an unusually lively appearance.

I am sitting on a tiny second story balcony in front of which is a high iron railing so much like a grating that I am reminded of the wax figure of Charlotte Corday, peering from between the bars of her window, as shown in the Eden Musee in New York.

I, who sit here, am the only American woman in this town of five thousand inhabitants, and enjoy the additional distinction of being the only adult female who wears a hat when she goes out to walk. The passers-by are apparently interested in me, and I return their feeling, I assure you, for to myself, I seem very much like other people of my acquaintance, while they surely are something new and strange.

Opposite me there is a little one-story adobe house used as a store. It has a tiled roof and great wide open doors, but no windows. Only a few yards of paved street intervene, for there are no carriages here and mules take up so little room that "woful want" might be superinduced by a "wilful waste" of valuable land for roadway.

On and on through this narrow channel, the human stream flows and for the most

part in silence. Bare feet come in noiseless contact with the jagged cobblestones, for only the more pretentious ones wear heavy shoes, at once painful to themselves and destructive to their grace.

Out there in the Plaza at the end of the street, the ebb and flow is endless. In the centre of the square is a great fountain, whence the women—always the burden bearers—bring the daily supply of water for the household.

Here is a familiar figure, she is tall, straight, slender, but rather ugly in feature. A cheap black skirt grown gray and shabby, now, as ever, trails in the dust behind her, and entirely obscures the bare feet which carry her along with all the air of an empress. Over her head she wears a black shawl, also gray and shabby, covering her upper garment and thus veiling in mystery the completion of the toilet which experience has shown me is not much to speak of. On her head there is poised in perfect equilibrium, a huge galvanized pail, filled with water—the largest vessel of the kind I have ever seen—yet on she walks with queenly dignity and in apparent unconsciousness of her burden. She sees my glance of wonderment and, as if to heighten it, she stoops, and while she holds her cigarette daintily between the slim fingers of one brown hand, with the other she picks up an imaginary something at her feet.

I marvel at her, but she does not excite the admiration that the next figure does—a pretty girl of seventeen, rounded and graceful, with the dark beautiful eyes, black hair and warm skin of the Spanish Indian. She has on a white dress skirt from under which her bare feet peep forth as she walks, and a waist which, for shortness of sleeves and lowness of neck, rivals a society belle's. This is edged with yellow ribbon and above it a gaudy bead necklace holds circling sway. Her magenta colored shawl has slipped back to display this Sunday glory and would fall off entirely but that it is held on her head by a large two-handled clay jar, such as we are accustomed to see in the pictures of ideal water carriers. That this is filled to the brim

with water does not prevent her casting her eyes about in a coquettish way, for if a bit of her history does not repress her natural desire to please and be pleased, what material burden will?

A year ago, pretty Mamula lost her heart so entirely to a youth of her race, that she was induced to elope with him. Several other couples joined the runaways in this enterprise and walked all the way to another State, possibly seventy miles. There for a while the course of true love ran smooth, it appears; but at the end of a month our charming maid, tired of making *fortillas* and cooking *fejoles* for her youthful adorer, brought this marriage on probation to a speedy close by returning to her kind and forgiving mistress. This escapade has in no wise lessened her charm for other admirers, for following in her wake is a military man—and what maiden's heart but beats a trifle faster at the thought of blue cloth and brass buttons?

Here, however, no such accessories are his. He is clad in blue, 'tis true, but material is blue jean, stripes of turkey red calico, as well as I can judge by a not too close inspection, run down the outside seams of the trousers and around the wrists and collar of the straight blouse. A big, white, straw hat about which is a red band, and a little leather cartridge-case on his back, at the waist, complete the picture of the dirty, barefooted member of our grand standing army. But he can fight, there's no mistake about it, and he can also live on his magnificent pay of twenty-five cents a day, lodging and uniform found, and for these two qualifications we give him our respect, if not the romantic regard one of his profession usually excites.

Close behind him and drawn on by the same magnet are a number of young men presenting a rainbow-like appearance, for their trousers are light blue, delicate green, silver gray, salmon pink, or any other color suggested by their various tastes. Add to this, in every instance, a "biled shirt" and a big white hat and you have before your mind's eye, an Indian dude in gala attire.

her home and see the brother she is supporting while he is learning his trade, the younger sister kept at school so she can become a teacher, and the mother's toils lightened.

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But these happily placed young women can bring brightness to the others to whom they owe so much. The two sets can come together on common meeting ground, and learn to give to one another.

The wage-earners, however, also must first learn to know the kindness, generosity and desire to share, of the more fortunate girls, as these must learn to admire the busy workers. Years ago, this would have seemed a dream more vague than Bellamy's "Looking Backward," but now it is a realized dream, and one meets in all our great cities women working together and living in common unity, though from widely different work and surroundings. It would be difficult to find happiness which equals that of their learning to know each other.

One day last fall a woman of wealth, who had had the pleasure of co-operating with her wage-earning sisters, was addressing a group of them employed in a certain factory. As she was speaking one of those present whispered to her neighbor: "Oh, she is only doing this for effect; she likes to patronize, to show herself off by talking so." Later on, the same girl associated herself with a number of companions and two or three women of wealth for a common end, the same as urged that evening. She learned to know these two or three, and to admire them. In true humility she came to her neighbor of the first night and said, "I understand Miss H. now; I believe in her and honor her. I take back all I said."

A beautiful society girl, afterwards a married woman, learned to know and admire many factory and shop girls, and a true friendship opened between them. She has often been heard to say, "I never enjoy myself more, or gain more, and never appreciate friends as I do when among my — Street friends." Her manner and bearing with all women and girls has changed. Sisterhood, in its broad meaning, is being realized by both these women, separated not more widely by distance than surroundings. Each has come to know those in each others' surroundings, and with the knowledge has come admiration, and the admiration has quickly ripened into sisterliness for all women.

The old motto words, "Agitation, Education, Co-operation," take on a new meaning in this connection. Rousing of ideas and questioning bring a realization that it is

noble character which should be the badge of greatness and position. Knowledge quickly makes one realize that such characters are found among all classes of girlhood and womanhood, and mutual admiration and love bring about co-operation, which naturally leads to a sisterhood among women, made up from all branches of work and responsibility. Such a sisterhood should bear the motto words already adopted by two great bands of women, "In His Name," and "Bear ye One Another's Burdens."

For The Eastern Star.

OUR WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Just why clubs should have obtained such a foothold in Indianapolis, is a mystery; but they run wild like weeds in summer. There are political, religious, literary, social, benevolent, musical and labor organizations by the score. Indeed, we can proudly boast that Indianapolis has more clubs in proportion to her population than any other city. Let any six or twelve people meet together to discuss any subject, play cards or dance, and the result is certain to be the formation of a club.

But we are only concerned with the women's clubs at present. The woman in the Hoosier capital who keeps out of a club is a "brick," as the small boy expresses it. If you have no inclination to identify yourself with any organization, and endeavor to convey that idea to your friends, they make your life a burden by trying to find out your objections and to overcome them. Do you firmly refuse to join a club, at the first meeting thereafter you will be elected an honorary member.

Belonging to clubs may or may not influence the domestic life of a woman, but she finds plenty of work devolving upon her as a club member.

There are ninety-five known clubs of women in this city, exclusive of labor organizations of women. The literary clubs are composed of bright, hard-working women who work upon the program with astonishing zeal, who write exceedingly bright papers, and who discuss current events with more than ordinary intelligence and wit. The Woman's Club is about the oldest club. Among its members are Mrs. May Wright Sewall, President of the National Council of Women, Mrs. E. C. Atkins, Mrs. J. R. McKee, Mrs. Horace McKay, Miss Katherine Merrill, Miss Mary C. Rariden, and other women known throughout the United States. The Katherine Merrill Club was the outgrowth of some of Miss Merrill's classes, and is considered the synonym for literary culture. Mrs. Benjamin Harrison is a member of this club. The Fortnightly Club is one of the first in the literary and social world. Miss Laura Ream, the well-known journalist, is a member of the Fortnightly Club. "Over the Tea-cups," the "Minerva Circle," the "Kraenzchen," are also literary clubs. Each church, of course, has its woman's home and foreign missionary society, and its young lady's missionary societies, also the woman's auxili-

aries and altar guilds, and in Roman Catholic circles, the sodalities.

The two largest benevolent societies are the Flower Mission and the Free Kindergarten Society. The Flower Mission supplies comforts to the sick, and sustains a training school for nurses. It has an annual fair which is a great social event, and \$3,000 was cleared at the last one. The Free Kindergarten Society is divided into six sections. Each section pledges itself to give \$300 annually to the support of the free kindergartens, of which we have eight. During the year each section gives a "tea" to help swell its fund. The woman's church home and orphanage association is an Episcopalian society under the patronage of Bishop Knickerbacker, which is raising the money to erect a home for the aged.

Neither the W. C. T. U. nor the societies of King's Daughters and Ramabai Circles are very strong clubs here—probably because of the number of other clubs.

When the ladies combined and built the Propylaeum, which is a woman's club house, with 400 women stockholders, they were justly proud of their success. The Propylaeum is a model club house. It has offices, dining-room and kitchen upon its basement floor, two large parlors, with committee rooms back of them, upon the first floor, and a large assembly hall upon the third floor. It is regularly patronized by the Woman's Club, Ladies' Matinee Musicale, the largest musical club composed of ladies in the State, the Art Association, the Dramatic Club, the Contemporary Club, and for lectures, classes and dances.

Mrs. May Wright Sewall recently laid before the Propylaeum Association the plan of establishing in the city a local council composed of the clubs of women as part of the National Council of Women. Circulars were sent to the ninety-five women's clubs in the city, asking each club to send two delegates to a meeting at the Propylaeum to discuss the matter. The meeting at the Propylaeum was a notable one. Seventy-three clubs were represented, and the object of a local council was carefully explained by Mrs. Sewall. The local council is to be a federation of the various clubs. There will be but one annual meeting of the Council, the object being to establish a sort of bureau by which matters of general interest can be laid before each club. The secretary of the Council will notify each club of any matter worthy of the consideration of all the clubs. It will be a means of reaching every club member in the city. The Council will not interfere with the workings of any club, but it will be helped by coming in contact with the workers in other clubs and exchanging ideas.

The final arrangements for the local council have not as yet been made, but we expect to see ere the close of another year a successful and model federation.

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A PATERNAL GOVERNMENT.

We talk of our mode of administering the affairs of this nation boastfully, because it embodies a paternal form of government. Does it ever occur to us what a one-sided, half-way affair the term necessarily implies?

It is no doubt a good thing to have a father, but so far as can be learned, there was never a child born who had not the same reason to bless the existence of a mother, and to desire her continuance in life. She who stands as the type of holy motherhood for all Christendom, never for one hour, so far as is known, failed to watch over, to counsel, and to minister to her Divine Son. Even in that hour when the Son cries out in his anguish at the withdrawal of the Father's face, His human mother lay kneeling and praying at the foot of the cross. She was never banished for one moment by royal or divine edict.

With this fact in mind what reason have we, as a Christian nation, to reject the maternal influence in affairs of state?

In the family the mother's guiding and restraining hand is all important, so much so that men, as a rule, marry again as often as they are widowed, because their growing children need a mother's governing hand. Our nation, like the growing boy, is far from being mature in any sense, indeed it is rather like the boy filled with importance at his first pair of trousers, a boy who must have hurtful things put out of sight that he may do himself no harm. The father's idea of prosperity is almost without exception that of financial success; he has not time to consider "the little foxes that spoil the vines," and neglects the glaring faults of dishonesty and immorality which are ruining his child. Our nation is just in the condition of such a boy. It needs to be mothered. While the paternal government is absorbed in getting rich, our nation is fast giving itself up to every form of vice that was ever known, and what is worse, the paternal government finds a profit in the degradation of its own offspring—but the day of reckoning is not yet.

The virtuous air which our paternal assumes upon occasion is seen in late telegraphic dispatches as follows:

"Ten thousand gallons moonshine brandies confiscated in Southern Indiana. Revenue detectives have been raiding the small distilleries in Harrison and Floyd counties, and have captured about 10,000 gallons of apples, peach and cherry brandies upon which the government had not been paid." This last clause betrays the real offense, which at first sight seemed a most flagrant thing, to be caught distilling intoxicating liquors, and which our paternal government sought to rebuke. Not a bit of it. The only sin which the moonshiner has committed is in not taking into partnership his sanctimonious paternal for the manufacture of what a noted writer of a hundred years ago calls "liquid fire and distilled damnation."

If men must have whiskies and brandies

for medicinal use, pray let us have the pure article which the moonshiner produces, and not the vile stuff called by these names, adulterated with all manner of cheap poisons, and manufactured to increase the revenue.

Morally, the moonshiner has clean hands and a pure heart beside this exacting paternal, who fills his coffers with the gold wrung from sorrowing mothers and helpless children. Let our asylums and jails and poorhouses tell their tale.

Where does a large per cent. of this revenue go? Not towards making comfortable homes for its victims, surely, but towards the maintenance of jails and poorhouses for the poor, wrecked, stranded mortal, or towards prosecuting the irresponsible criminal who is made what he is by these licensed contributions of money to fill the paternal government's pocket. Is it not time that the maternal voice was heard insisting upon a wiser economy in expenditure, and upon more lawful means of getting gain? Unless this republic is doomed to go the way of all republics, the mother voice must prevail. It is her divine right to warn, to restrain, to urge upon this nation the fulfillment of the moral law. The prophecy of Isaiah is still in force.

"Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink, who justify the wicked for a reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him, their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust, because they have cast away the law of the Lord of Hosts."

The words of the lamented James Russell Lowell sound in our ears to-day like a further prophecy when he says:

"Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide
In the life of Truth with Falsehood, for the good
or evil side:
Some great cause God's new Messiah offering each
the bloom or blight.
And the choice goes by forever, 'twixt that darkness
and that light."

M. SEARS BROOKE.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.

(Response to a toast by Mrs. Edna L. Hedger, P. G.-M., Helena, Montana, at the recent Grand Chapter meeting.)

As one just graduated from a course of study, speaks out of a full heart of his cherished *Alma Mater*, or, as one regards his first love upon taking his departure from old and sweet associations, so do I feel and speak tonight in response to the fruitful theme assigned me.

"The Order of The Eastern Star." The subject had some years ago, the charm of novelty to me. Then followed the familiarity and ease which close intercourse induces with congenial matters and in due time the grand hope of a long deferred period burst into full development, fruition crowned all transition stages when the Grand Chapter of Montana sprang into its proper sphere. In the case of many of us, "All of this we saw and part of it we were." With this Order, as with many another process of human

affairs, first came the tiny bud of promise slowly unfolding to our sight which, finding a congenial atmosphere, brightened and encouraged the spirits of those who had sown broadcast the seed of hope along the dusty and beaten Masonic highway.

They hardly indulged in the expectation that it would take root among such "ancient landmarks," as had never given way for, or allowed the impress of woman's hand, heart or foot for many generations. But around this tiny germ soon expanded the full and beautiful cluster of blossoms, diffusing delightful fragrance, gathering strength, and striking root deep beneath the surface. Whether the soil was barren or productive, still reaching out as if endowed with conscious power, and gaining hold sufficient to spread far beyond the small beginning, a goodly number of branches throughout our new State. And this, where long our fathers, husbands, and brothers had occupied the ground and held a well-entrenched position. But this flower by the wayside exhaling the perfume of noble thoughts, advanced ideas, kindly words and active charities, has won a standing by its merits; attracted admiration, and, what is better, respect from those who regarded its advent with distrust. "The thing of beauty has become a joy forever," has even assumed a National importance soon to become world-wide, in all probability, as the Grand Parent Body from which it sprang. Our General Grand Chapter of the United States possesses the confidence and engages the efforts of many of the choice spirits of our times.

Wafted by gentle winds the sweet secrets of so worthy a cause will soon encircle all humanity, and gather them into its fraternal bonds. The high and low, the rich and the poor, "the stranger without the gates," sick and sorrowing ones are alike welcome, healed and bidden to live and hope again within this charmed influence. I have considered the Order of the Eastern Star in general. But may I not add a word in regard to the young and vigorous Grand Chapter planted amid these rugged heights? That none have attained more lusty and vigorous growth in one short season, than this child of the mountains, is a proposition not to be disputed. In promise it is remarkable. Its possibilities for usefulness and activity in all private and public circles of life are beyond calculation. We look to the youngest sister of all jurisdictions to become a light unexcelled in the Order.

"What's brave, what's noble, she'll do it."
"Let all the number of the stars give light to her fair way."

Much information and inspiration in the good work and many valuable suggestions for the successful management of subordinate Chapters may also be derived from the EASTERN STAR, a monthly paper published by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and devoted exclusively to our Order, and which presents to us items of interest from throughout the Union.—Fred S. Button, Past Grand Patron California.

ADDREES.

[Delivered by Dr. B. C. Stevens, Worthy Patron of Fidelity Chapter, Logansport, Ind., at the installation of officers.]

BROTHERS, SISTERS AND FRIENDS:—To say that I do not feel flattered by the position to which I have been elected by you would be untrue, for to me it evidences a good will and confidence which I fear my short membership in the Order scarcely warrants, but inasmuch as you have seen fit to put me in the highest place that man can attain in your Chapter, it is for me to say that my best endeavors shall be put forth in performing the duties that may devolve upon me. Aside from the fact of the compliment you have paid in electing me, I am urged to this by the very high appreciation I have formed of the Order during my short membership. Man and woman are social beings, depending largely upon each other for the comforts and enjoyments of this life. The Masonic fraternity was originally founded for mutual protection and harmony among a certain class of workmen, from its very nature, only men could be admitted, and therefore, while it unites into one great, grand, glorious whole, each member of its organization throughout the whole world, it practically leaves the families of its members strangers; and just here the Eastern Star steps in to complete the work. Masonry unites the heads of families, the Star unites the families themselves, thus by their union forming bonds, cementing ties that not all the cares and vicissitudes of life, no, not even death itself can sunder. Truly, the founder of this Order builded better than he knew. It is peculiarly fortunate for the sex that men were not excluded, for besides the social enjoyment thus afforded them, and the pure principles inculcated here, they are brought face to face with five of the noblest phases of womanhood the world has ever produced, differing in character as vividly as night from day, yet the women that represent the five points of the Star, stand out in history as types of the noblest and highest that womanhood can aspire to. Adah, dancing forth from her home, proud and exultant, to celebrate the victory of her much loved father, is brought to face in a moment the crisis of her life, death or her father's dishonor. There is no hesitation. Without demur she prepares herself for the sacrifice. Can our much vaunted manhood show a higher, a more sublime courage? The lowly Ruth—I have always pictured Ruth as a little brown maiden of Quakerish ideas and aspect, one whose virtues were appreciated more by the home circle, one who might go through a long life and not excite remark till death left a void not to be filled, or opportunity came to call forth the latent strength of character. That opportunity came to Ruth; the answer was prompt, with no uncertain ring in it. "Whither thou goest I will go; thy people shall be my people, thy God my God." Daughterly devotion and fidelity exemplified. And now the queenly Esther steps forward, selected from among

all the daughters of her land for loveliness, yet her mind, her soul, is fit to adorn even this transcendent beauty. Actuated by love of her race, when the time came her glittering crown was but as tinsel, her royal estate slavery. Nay, even life itself was not to be weighed as against the good of her people. Such is heroic, patriotic love. Martha illustrates that deep, unfaltering, unquestioning faith which it seems to me is only found in woman: "If thou hadst been here my brother had not died," faith and love of a sister, pure and undefiled.

And last, but by no means least, is Electa, the impersonation of religious devotion, clasping the cross to her bosom, even tho, it seals her death. Thus we have the heroic courage of Adah, the steadfast devotion of Ruth, the glorious self-abnegation of Esther, Martha's unquestioning faith and love of her brother, and Electa's religious devotion to her faith, all showing what glorious possibilities lie in the paths to be trod by women. Can man witness our ceremonies and listen to our rites without being better thereby? I think not. I again thank you for the honor, and also for your attention.

OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

The horse show is over for this year, and the belles and beaux will find other occupations for the coming months, beside sitting and visiting in the boxes of the Madison Square Garden to chat, to flirt, to see and be seen, and incidentally raising a lorgnette for a few minutes in the direction of the ring.

As we took our seats Saturday the prize winners were promenading around and around the tan track, while outside the ring, as well-groomed swells paced here and there, bowing and smiling and chatting.

Just in front of us sat a party of four ladies and their escorts. One, evidently the chaperon, wore a very pale olive green bengaline, with Duchesse lace collar and cuffs, and a pink and black velvet confection on her head, with two little gilt horns in front that reminded me forcibly of a person not mentioned in polite society. A younger lady was clad in a light steel gray siciliane, with large gray velvet hat covered with tips, and an immense ostrich boa, which touched the hem of her dress. Another occupant of the box was dressed in a crushed strawberry brocade silk, with bodice of black gros-grain, hat of pink and mink, one of those popular mink boas with head around her throat, and a large mink muff strung by a cord around her neck. The fourth was one of the most rarely beautiful girls that I have ever seen, a pure Greek face, and an exquisite form robed in baby pink and cream lace.

The men in dress suits and silk hats did come, the men did go, the chatting went on forever—with their neighbors in the next box, with ladies and gentlemen promenading below them, but hardly a glance did they cast on the noble creatures in the ring in front of them.

And yet, they were beautiful. The Bard, Fashion, Matchless—what grace, what sym-

metry, what intelligence! And the great audience appreciated them, too, and while clever Fashion went through the manifold paces, waltzing, galloping, a wave of applause followed, to which she courtesied as gracefully as any high-born dame.

The jumping was the event of the evening. Think of a six-foot six-inch jump! Yet Punch took it in great style on the first trial. I felt a chill creep over me as the horses tried and failed, and were forced to attempt it again. James Blute, who rode two horses in turn, Punch and the Imp. Countess, deserves to go down to posterity alongside of Budd Doble, "whose catarrhal name so fills the nasal trumpet of fame," and other heroes of the turf, for courage and endurance.

ALICE STRONG.

OUR KANSAS LETTER.

DEAR SISTER RANSFORD:—In the last number of THE EASTERN STAR I read a very interesting sketch entitled "A Summer Outing," by Sister Edna L. Hedges, of Helena, Mont., in which she spoke of spending several days in the fair city of Seattle, while en route to Alaska, and she mentions regretfully that, although on the lookout for "Stars," none appeared above the horizon. Now your humble servant spent a delightful summer in the Puget Sound country, with Seattle as headquarters, and must have been there at the same time the sister was. I, too, had an experience in *Star hunting*, and felt as I never felt before that we had no possible means of making ourselves known to the great Masonic brotherhood, unless he also was a member of the Order, and the brothers seldom or never wear a Star badge. Soon after my arrival there I began looking over the city papers for time and place of O. E. S. meetings, intending to make myself known as soon as convenient; but found nothing to indicate that there was an organization there. However, I knew there was one, for I saw notices of the different Masonic bodies going on an excursion to Port Townsend to assist in the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the Temple building at that place. I again studied the city directory, with no better success. I saw many Masonic charms, but that gave me no help. At last I met a friend whom I knew to be a Mason in the East, who obtained for me the Worthy Matron's name and address. I sent a note to Mrs. J. M. Taylor, W. M. of Lorraine Chapter, who called and invited me to attend the next meeting, which occurred the first Wednesday of August, and I went and spent a delightful evening, found many bright and shining stars. They have a membership of two hundred or more, and what seemed odd to me was the presence of so many brothers. On this particular eve. I think they outnumbered the sisters, and they told me they were about even in the membership. I was very fortunate in the time of my visit, as I sat in the East in company with no less personage than P. M. W. G. M. Sister Flint, of California, and her most estimable husband, P. G. P.

of California. There were several initiated that eve, and Sister Taylor presided with admirable grace and dignity. She was supported by a very efficient staff of officers. The work was efficiently rendered, and I think not a ritual in sight. After work came a lovely banquet, where we had our ices served to us in the emblematic colors. I met Bro. and Sister Knight, whose infant daughter was christened in Chapter a month later, a notice of which event I read in the October number of THE EASTERN STAR. I much regretted not being present at that meeting. But I was absent from the city with a camping party, and never happened to be in the city on the date of another meeting, as I returned home the last of September. The Masonic fraternity of Seattle are building a magnificent temple at the corner of Second and Pike streets, a very central as well as valuable location. Their present location is quite inconvenient. I wish Sister Hedges would write again and give us incidents of her trip in detail. I never saw the outward bound steamer for Alaska that I did not breathe a regretful sigh that I was not one of her passengers, but I hope at a not far distant day to realize my dreams of a visit to the wonderland of the north, Alaska.

Fraternally yours,
LUCIE A. CLARK.

Independence, Kan.

"OUR FATHERS, BROTHERS, HUSBANDS, AND SONS AS MASONS."

[Response to a toast by Sister H. J. Marsh, A. G. W. of Montana at the last Grand Chapter meeting.]

When I was requested a few days ago to respond to the toast "Our Fathers, Brothers, Husbands and Sons as Masons," my memory reverted to my childhood recollections of Masons, and I remember well the reverence and regard that we at home held for this ancient Order.

My earliest remembrance of this noble band of brothers was when but a little child I saw them in procession, my father among the rest, clad in white aprons and gloves, slowly and solemnly marching down the long streets of the city in which we lived, and I listened, awe inspired, to the sad strains of the funeral dirge and muffled drums, as they tenderly and reverently bore all that was mortal of a dearly beloved brother Mason to his final resting place.

Who among us cannot recall the solemn rites as we have often witnessed them, standing around the grave of a departed brother, and have not listened to the mournful knell, betokening that one more spirit had winged its flight to a new state of existence; and heard the tender and impressive words of his sorrowing brothers as they consigned the remains of their beloved one to the silent grave, to his last, long unbroken sleep of death.

The moistened eye, the quivering lip, and the stifled sob, were tokens of their affection and sorrow, which were exhibited without disguise, as they bade him sleep on until the Resurrection morn until then, friend, and brother, farewell.

With these fond and lasting impressions of our fathers as Masons, we have come like wise to honor our brothers, husbands and sons of this fraternal band whose duty they tell us it is to succor the needy, comfort the bereaved, defend, protect and relieve the innocent and oppressed, to tender their heartfelt sympathy to the widow and orphan, and minister to their wants ever pointing them to a Higher Power.

The thought that woman could assist in this benevolent work occurred to our lamented and venerable brother, Robert Morris, who conceived the idea of making woman a co-worker with the Masonic brother in his grand and noble deeds, since which time our chain of fraternal love has fast lengthened, until it extends from "the golden gates of sunset to the piney woods of Maine," and to-day the rays of our Eastern Star shine brightly throughout the land.

Then we have reason to hope that not in far distant future every Masonic lodge in Montana will have the associated efforts of the wives, mothers and daughters to accomplish in our Order the good which Masonry seeks.

So may we as a body of brothers and sisters live and work in love and harmony till our earthly pilgrimage will have ended, and we have gained admission to that glorious lodge on High, amidst its ineffable mysteries to enjoy a re-union with the spirits of the departed, perfect as the happiness of Heaven, and durable as the Eternity of God.

PICKED UP BY THE WAYSIDE.

Every article of furniture is no longer draped in the grotesque mode it recently was. The woman of good taste unties her vases, releases her chairs, and is content with a square of rich embroidery thrown over the piano, a bit of tapestry on the table, and the adornments generally have lessened in number and increased in richness of material.

One of the good resolutions that might be made with the New Year would be resolve to say "Well done," whenever there is the opportunity. Judicious praise is useful and proper, and how much appreciated are words of encouragement. It lightens tasks wonderfully, and many of us may learn a greatly needed lesson from the divine words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

One of the household decorations that needs reformation is the ornate lamp shade. It is not only a grave mistake but a dangerous error to adorn the lamp as it now is, so that a slight accident in the lighting gives the best possible foundation for a fatal fire. Art may achieve its perfect work in the metal designs, but it surely is bad taste to have banks of buttercups, hillocks of clover, or spreads of roses over these expanded umbrellas.

The Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, of England,

after attending the Ecumenical Conference held in Washington, speaks most appreciatingly of the kindness with which he was treated. He speaks of the boundless possibilities of our great Republic if its citizens will only remember that character is more important than the almighty dollar. In that case he sees in the twentieth century the fulfillment of Mr. Bright's glorious vision—one people, one faith and one language over all the wide continent, the home of freedom, the refuge for the oppressed.

Even in the greeting of one's friends there are styles that change with the changing season, it would seem. We are told that now the proper thing in greeting is great cordiality, where once the society hauteur was cultivated. Lassitude, languor and indifference have gone to the wall, and in their place are graciousness, gush and welcome. If you are greeted by your hostess as if she had no other friend in the world, and had no wish to meet any beyond your own sweet self, be content and happy, for that is the way she would desire to make you feel.

Helen Watterson, in an article on "Types of Working Women" says that the Southern woman, while experienced and shrewd in money matters, has lost none of her deliciously romantic charm that characterized her before the war. She works royally, but she never for an instant relinquishes her belief that no woman ought to work. She still looks up to man as a god-like and superior creature, and she never accepts the fact that a woman should ride in anything but her own carriage, go out after dark without an escort, or open the door for herself. Truly, as she says, it is a good belief. It is only sad that facts are so at variance with this belief, and, after all, this expecting and insisting upon all things deferential and courteous from men is a good thing for them.

LILLIAN.

CALIFORNIA AND THE PACIFIC COAST VIA THE BIG FOUR ROUTE.

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GLEANNINGS.

CALIFORNIA.

Ungava Chapter, Riverside, is prospering, and the members are learning to love the Order more and more. The newly elected officers were installed with the usual ceremony. The following are the names: Lonise E. Allen, W. M.; Walter E. Keith, W. P.; Ella M. Filkins, A. M.; Etta W. Cundiff, Sec.; Alysza R. Rouse, Treas.; Clara M. Keith, Con.; Mary A. Papineau, A. Con.; Frances E. Castleman, Chap.; Mary A. Russell, War.; Philip A. Gunsolus, Sent.; Ida Goebel, A.; Sarah A. Battles, R.; Iantha Keith, E.; Mary J. Sulzer, M.; Mina J. Lamerick, E.; Hattie Huff, Org. There was a large attendance, considering the stormy night, and after the installation ceremony the ladies gave a splendid banquet. A most delightful time was enjoyed in hearing the music by Isbell's orchestra, listening to bright speeches, and engaging in social converse.

COLORADO.

Garden City Chapter, Greeley, met Thanksgiving night with an attendance of fifteen. The meeting was pleasant and four petitions were presented. The promise is for a year of greater interest by the members, and consequently a more successful Chapter.

Queen City Chapter, Denver, had a most enjoyable visit from Queen Esther Chapter, Boulder, Nov. 19. About fifteen members were of the company, including the W. P., A. M., acting W. M., Con., and some Star Points. The notice of their coming was so limited, Queen City did not have time to make especial preparation, but we had a candidate to initiate, after which a short literary entertainment was given, for we have considerable histrionic talent among the members. A light repast sustained the inner man, and gave inspiration to several apt speeches from members and visitors. At a late hour all adjourned with adieux "till we meet again." The election of officers for Queen City Chapter occurred Dec. 17. The new officers are: Mrs. Annie E. Potter, W. M.; Frederick W. Nance, W. P.; Mrs. Mary A. Condit, A. M.; Miss Lida Van, Sec.; Miss Luta Haynes, Treas.; Miss Mary E. McElwee, Con.; Mrs. Clara D. Lindsay, A. C. The election meets with general approval, and I trust we may have a harmonious year ahead. An incident of the occasion was during the election of A. M. three O. E. S. members from Colorado Chapter, No. 2 R. A. M., demanded admission which, being granted, after salutation they extended a pressing invitation to Queen City Chapter, to join some 300 of their Chapter in a collation, which needed immediate attention. There was no appeal from their decision, consequently Queen City was obliged to call off for the space of an hour, more or less. Such things should not be, but what can poor mortals do but submit to higher powers. There were too many against us, and they the strongest. Queen City reluctantly left the "festive board" before the flow of wit and wisdom began, the W. M.,

in a few well-chosen remarks of thanks, asking to excuse her Chapter.

IOWA.

A number of the members of Unity Chapter, Mason City, paid a visit to Franklin Chapter recently, and a very enjoyable time was the result. After the work came the social pleasures, and the time passed rapidly until the guests took their leave on the 1:20 a. m. train.

Nov. 24 and 26, the G. M., Sister Marie Jackson, organized Laurel Chapter, Sumner, with thirtymembers. The Chapter promises well, has good earnest workers, and will doubtless be a valuable addition to the Order. Mrs. Alice M. Lawrey, W. M.; S. T. Todd, W. P.; Mrs. Emma Gillett, Sec.

Nov. 24 the G. M. visited Oelwein Chapter, Oelwein. The work was exemplified in a very creditable manner, the officers doing their work for the most part without rituals. This is one of the live Chapters of the State, and under the efficient leadership of the W. M. is bound to be a success. Mrs. Rena Bently, W. M.; F. S. Watson, W. P.; Mrs. Ella Millard, Sec.

Dec. 3 and 4 the G. M. instituted Morning Star Chapter at Belle Plaine. This Chapter starts in with thirty charter members, but owing to the very stormy weather they were not able to be present the first evening, but several were taken in the second night, after which an oyster supper was served. There is fine material for a first-class Chapter here and doubtless they will form a bright link in the golden chain. Mrs. Eliza Coleman, W. M.; W. H. VanDike, W. P.; Mrs. S. Wertherin, Sec.

Clinton Chapter held its annual meeting December 18, 1891. Officers elected for ensuing year: Sister H. D. Bader, W. M.; Geo. B. Lea, W. P.; Sister Geo. Dickinson, A. M.; Sister W. L. Ferguson, Sec.; Sister George B. Dayton, Treas.; Sister M. B. Rathburn, Con.; Sister Shadle, A. Con. The work of the past year has been aggressive, and we are looking for better things the year to come. Our Chapter extends the annual greetings to all readers of THE EASTERN STAR.

R. S. R.

Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, Evening Star Chapter, Jefferson, was instituted by the G. M., with Mrs. M. H. Fuller, as W. M., and Dr. W. S. Schermerhorn, as W. P. This is a very enthusiastic Chapter, one hundred persons were anxious to come in the first night, but owing to the rule passed by the last Grand Chapter, only thirty of them could become charter members, the rest having to come in by ballot. They have already procured jewels, altar, floor-cloth, and other necessary supplies, and will doubtless send several subscribers to THE EASTERN STAR.

Nov. 28, Central Chapter, Marshalltown, received a visit of inspection from the G. M., Maria Jackson. This is one of the largest Chapters in the State, and the members turned out very creditably, despite the very severe weather. Work was exemplified excellently, with very few rituals to be seen, and

in this, as in every other Chapter visited by the G. M., the few suggestions and corrections necessary, were received in the same spirit in which they were offered, with a mutual benefit resulting therefrom. It will be difficult for another to fill the position of W. M. more acceptably than the present incumbent, who also holds the office of A. G. C. Mrs. Delia Waterbury, W. M.; J. G. Weatherby, W. P.; Sister Halsey, Sec.

Emblem Chapter, Corning, at its last stated meeting elected the following officers: Mrs. Mattie Perrigrine, W. M.; Dr. J. T. Hanna, W. P.; Mrs. Orry H. Salts, A. M.; Mrs. Mary Hanna, Sec.; Mrs. E. M. Harper, Treas.; Miss Mamie Shinn, Con.; Mrs. Caroline Gillette, A. C. At the last meeting one was initiated and four candidates are waiting to receive the degrees. Sisters Hanna and Harper rendered their annual report which showed the Chapter to be in a healthy condition financially. The past year has been one of marked prosperity for the Chapter. There is a growing interest in the good work and peace and harmony prevail. The officers from Matron to Sentinel are remarkably adapted for the duties pertaining to their various offices. The membership numbers seventy, and is from among our best people and all are "square on the Secretary's books." A number are subscribers to your excellent paper, THE EASTERN STAR. Dec. 29, the Masonic Lodge installed its officers and through the courtesy of J. W. Bixby, W. M., the Chapter received an especial invitation. Emblem is one of the Chapters that never has a vacation in the summer but gleams in the fields with the regularity of the fulling of the moon. During the past year the W. M., Mary F. Russell, —your old pupil— removed with her family to Portland, Ore. We exceedingly regretted to give her up. Although in delicate health, bad weather never kept her from her place in the "East" during her two and a half terms. Her mantle fell on Sister Perrigrine who with the zeal and learning of an Electa, with the new year enters upon her second term.

S.

INDIANA.

Harmony Chapter, Garrett, is in a very prosperous condition, and has gained ten new members in the past year.

A dispensation has been granted for a Chapter at Huntingburg. Xenia A. Briffe, W. M.; S. C. Miller, W. P.; Ann S. Kerr, Asso. M.

South Bend Chapter, at its last stated meeting, conferred the degrees upon three candidates, making sixteen links added during '91.

Dec. 17 Queen Esther Auxiliary served the banquet for Pantapha Lodge, F. and A. M., and the brothers were loud in their praise for its excellence. The treasury was enriched about seventeen dollars as a result.

Hope Chapter, LaFayette, elected the following officers on Dec. 21: W. M., Sister Johnson; W. P., Bro. Greenlee; A. M., Sister Rankin; Sec., Sister Sensney; Treas., Sister

Comstock; Con., Sister Davis; A. Con., Sister Kimmel.

Knightstown Chapter held its election, with the following result. Carrie Bradford, W. M.; E. N. Wilkenson, W. P.; Emma Whitesell, A. M.; Mattie Hall, Sec.; Mrs. B. M. Forbes, Treas.; Mattie Edwards, Con.; Ada Peters, A. C.

At a recent meeting of Loyal Chapter, Richmond, a number of members of Ione Chapter, Eaton, Ohio, were its invited guests. Among the members was P. G. M. Sister Mitchell. The evening was pleasantly spent. At the annual election nearly all the old officers were re-elected.

The annual election of Queen Esther Chapter occurred Dec. 18, and the following officers were elected. Mrs. Isabel Ingersoll, W. M.; M. H. Rice, W. P.; Mrs. Effie Kennington, A. M.; Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Sec.; Mrs. Lizzie Louthan, Treas.; Miss Nathalia Connelly, Con.; Mrs. Adel Hayes, A. C.

Athens Chapter, Crawfordville, elected the following officers: Mrs. Louise J. Layne, W. M.; Geo. Graham, W. P.; Mrs. Jennett Wright, A. M.; Mrs. Clarinda Dennis, Sec.; Mrs. Minnie Galtra Treas.; Miss Mary Grubb, Con.; Mrs. Mattie Harper, A. C.; Mrs. Fannie Bonnell, A.; Mrs. Clara B. West, R.; Mrs. Nannie Graham, E.; Mrs. Helen Watson, M.; Mrs. Rose E. Robison, E.; Mrs. Lucy Fry, War.; Alex. Harper, Sent.; Mrs. Mary Goltra, Chap.; Mrs. Mattie T. Britts, Org. At the last meeting four candidates were received, and sixteen petitions.

Fidelity Chapter, Logansport, held public installation, Dec. 15. An excellent program followed the installation, and the W. P. gave a beautiful address, which we share with the readers of THE EASTERN STAR. Lovely refreshments were served, and the festivities closed with dancing. Fidelity is officered as follows: Mamie Cushman, W. M.; Dr. B. C. Stevens, W. P.; Carrie Bevans, A. M.; Ida Tacker, Sec.; Sallie Horn, Treas.; Carrie Radebaugh, Con.; Kate Parvin, A. C.; Hettie Donaldson, A.; Fannie Mitchell, R.; Lizzie Graham, E.; Mary Custer, M.; Sue Richardson, E.; Lettie Seubner, War.; Geo. B. Horn, Sent.; Sallie Horn, Org.; Will Richardson, Musical Director.

Queen Esther Auxiliary closed its year by holding a bazaar Dec. 9 and 10. Only six weeks was given to its preparation, and when the littles were gathered together, all were surprised to find that the booths were well stocked. Five of the booths bore the distinctive colors of the Star—one was decked in the national colors, and one was a Japanese booth. On the evening of the first day a very pleasing program, musical and literary, was rendered, and on the second evening there was the merry dance. There were fifty-two articles donated to the fancy booth, and all the canned fruit and jellies was given by the sisters. Seven jurisdictions were represented by gifts to the fancy booth. The doll that was sent by Sister R.

Emily Little, and which she had named before sending, was won by Mr. Holderman, who guessed the name "Rachie." The tooth sent by Sister Taylor, of Lawrence, Kansas, was voted to the most popular dentist, and one of Queen Esther's members, Dr. Sampson, is its owner. About fifty dollars was realized, and there are several articles left over.

Agreeable to the request of the G. P., I. B. Webber, Geo. A. Macomber, W. P. of South Bend Chapter, accompanied by twenty from that Chapter, visited Bremen and instituted Bremen Chapter. We were driven there in wagonettes, leaving South Bend about half-past one p. m. The distance and return is forty miles, and such roads, and such mud—real mud. We reached Bremen at 6 o'clock, tired and hungry. We were taken to a hotel, where supper awaited us, the proprietor being one of the charter members. We were served an extra nice supper, to which all did ample justice. After supper we were conducted to the Lodge room, which we found to be small but cozy. Twenty persons were in waiting, half of that number being brothers. The work was exemplified by South Bend Chapter without the aid of rituals, after which the officers of the new Chapter took the chairs and went through the work, doing very nicely. There is good material in this Chapter, with a good W. M. and W. P., who are aware of the responsibility resting upon them. Refreshments were served, and we left them at half-past twelve at night. The moon was shining in all its glory, but when we thought of that twenty-mile ride we all wished it was the sun instead. The roads were not muddy now, for it was frozen, and the horses must go on a walk all the way. We arrived for home as the whistles were blowing for 6 o'clock in the morning, "tired, weary and worn." Anna E. Hayes, W. M.; Henry G. Hess, W. P.; Harriet Miller, Asso M.

ILLINOIS.

Vesper Chapter, Champaign, has been called upon to mourn the loss of its first W. M., Nellie B. Dunlap, wife of H. I. Dunlap, agent to Counselor at Furth, Bavaria, Germany, where she died Dec. 3. Her remains were brought to Champaign where she was laid to rest Dec. 25. Vesper Chapter and Hope of Urbana participated in the services. Brother Dunlap was the first W. P. The Chapter has lost one of its bright lights and it will sincerely mourn her loss.

Mary Burns Chapter Kiethsburg, at its annual election selected the following officers for the ensuing year: Lillian Glancy, W. M.; L. L. Mertz, W. P.; Kate Strong, A. M.; Jessie Hunter, Sec.; Harriet Noble, Treas.; Maggie Willitt, C.; Ellen Gray, A. C.; Dora Shurtliff, A.; Cora Scott, R.; Snow Heaton, E.; G. M. Humbert, M.; Rose Brewer, E.; Hattie Bowers, War.; Ben Floyd, Sen.; R. C. Humbert, Chap.; Marion Heaton, Org. The officers were installed Dec. 28; after installation a banquet was served to Masons and their families. We have initiated two in the last two months and there is a bright prospect for work ahead.

Friday evening, Dec. 18, Mrs. Dr. Oakshett, Esther of Dwight Chapter, practiced the Floral Work to take place on Tuesday. Saturday at noon she complained and reclined upon a couch while her husband, the Dr., was attending a patient in the next room. When he returned to look after his wife, she had quietly and peacefully crossed the river. She was to release again that afternoon. The Chapter was shocked, and it was with much difficulty the officers could perform the work, many strongly urging a postponement. The sister had been Esther of the Chapter since the organization in Oct., 1890; was an earnest and efficient worker, and much beloved by her associates. The charter, jewels and Esther's chair, was appropriately draped, and everywhere was felt the cloud of intense sorrow. Sister Oakshett leaves a husband and two little girls, four and six years old, to mourn her loss.

Dwight Chapter, Dwight, held a special meeting Dec. 22, for public installation of the officers for the coming year. Dwight Lodge had invited the Chapter to hold a joint installation which they very gladly accepted. Past Master, J. S. Vickers, acted as M. W. Grand Master. The young ladies quartett furnished the music with Miss Jessie Pollard, as organist. Prof. Harris sang a number of songs with banjo accompaniment. John W. Pettett, the retiring W. P. of Dwight Chapter, introduced Sister Pitkin, of Chicago, and Marteeny, of Peoria, to act as installing officer and Marshal. Rosa Miller, W. M.; C. L. Roweberger, W. P.; Nora Goodman, A. M.; Lillie Pettett, Sec.; Estella Baker, Treas.; Lucy Crandall, C.; Nellie Roweberger, A. C.; Maggie Leach, A.; Emma Taylor, R.; Maud Wilkinson, E.; Delia Miller, M.; Libbie Buck, E.; Bro. Buck, War.; George Peterson, Sen.; J. C. Oakshett, Org. After the installation ceremony the officers who were to take part in the Floral Work retired and donned their beautiful robes of white, garnished with ribbon and gilt trimming. Returning they created quite a sensation by their perfect marching. The officers were Rosa Miller, W. M.; John A. Pettett, W. P.; Nora Goodman, A. M.; Lucy Crandall, C.; Nettie Roweberger, A. C.; Maggie Leach, A.; Emma Taylor, R.; Delia Miller, E.; Estella Baker, M.; Libbie Buck, E.; Tillie Pettett, Can.; Jessie Pollard, Org. I never saw so much beauty brought out in the ceremony before. The evolutions were most perfectly made, stars, crown, triangles, double triangles, square, single and double lines crossing and recrossing, and the O. E. S. with lighted torches, made a charming appearance, holding the crowded room spell-bound. The members of the Lodge and Chapter with their guests repaired to the Livingston Hotel, where the tables were loaded and most artistically arranged. A very elaborate menu was served. Well may the officers of Dwight Chapter feel that they are entitled to the laurels so justly earned. J.

Friday evening, November 20, 1891, was the thirty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of

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Happy New Year.

We step upon the threshold of another year, little knowing what of joy or sorrow is hidden within its embrace. Always with the dawn of each new year, we let hope whisper her stories of green fields and cloudless skies that are waiting just ahead. Mayhap for some of this fraternal family this shall be verified. Mayhap, instead, the fields shall be sear and brown and stubbled and the sky overshadowed. But whether it be the clear blue, beautiful sky, or the dull gray heavily clouded sky, let the closing of 1892 record us as having been faithful to our convictions of right and duty, and ever ready to open both hand and heart to those who by the wayside faint or falter.

The EASTERN STAR is continued to subscribers until it is ordered discontinued.

Brother Wm. H. Smythe has been confined to his bed for several days with a severe case of the grippe.

Agents are wanted in every Chapter to whom liberal commissions will be given. Please write for terms.

Chapter supplies of all kinds can be ordered by addressing THE EASTERN STAR, and orders will receive prompt attention.

Any person sending THE EASTERN STAR five yearly subscribers, will receive a solid gold Eastern Star, or other society pin.

Will the subscribers kindly notify the office when the paper fails to reach them? We will supply the missing number and use our best efforts to remedy all such tendencies.

A petition is received for Mizpah Chapter at Idaho City, Idaho, with sixteen petitioners, Mrs. Hannah Schmidt, W. M.; John Kennedy, W. P.; Miss Sadie Galbreath, A. M.

In the report of the Texas Grand Chapter in the November issue, the name of the As-

sociate Grand Matron was omitted. The one elected to that position is Sister E. Hart, of Big Springs.

A letter of inquiry was received from Melbourne, Australia, by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, concerning the O. E. S., and there is a strong probability of establishing the Order there.

Queen Esther Chapter was favored at its last meeting for '91, with the presence of its Adah, Sister M. Angelica Thayer, of Plymouth, who came to meet with the members once more during her term of office.

An invitation to attend the "Installation of Officers" of Adah Chapter, Lawrence, Kansas, reached the desk of THE EASTERN STAR, for which thanks are returned, and regret that distance prevented bodily presence.

Brother and Sister Fanning, Past Grand Patron and Past Grand Matron of Butler, Indiana, are enjoying the pleasures of a new home. None are more capable of enjoying a home, nor can any dispense its hospitalities more graciously.

Brother and Sister Dunham, recently members of Queen Esther Chapter, are now settled in their home in Nantucket, but their hearts turn longingly to the old scenes and friends in the Hoosier State, and the wish to "step in and see you" is reciprocal.

SISTERS:—Do you want some handsome visiting cards—O. E. S. monogram embossed in gilt, with name, residence and name of Chapter to which you belong? Well, send eight yearly subscribers to THE EASTERN STAR and in return receive a hundred beautiful cards.

Among the new and pleasant features of Windfall, this State, is a Masonic Band recently organized, composed of twelve members of the Lodge. They made their first appearance Christmas Day, and will doubtless add much to the enjoyment of the summer re-unions.

To all whom it may concern: Greeting:—For five yearly subscribers to THE EASTERN STAR, will be given a beautiful membership badge of the Order.

For ten yearly subscribers will be given a gold O. E. S. pin.

For twenty yearly subscribers will be given a beautifully enameled, solid gold O. E. S. charm.

The early workers of Indiana are always glad to hear a word from one of its former Grand Treasurers, Sister Ida Hodler. Bro. John Hodler has been suffering with rheumatism, but is somewhat improved. Sister Ida writes: "I wish I was an artist, and from where I am sitting at this moment could paint you a picture of the view. There is an orange tree loaded with ripening fruit, and between the branches and on either side I catch glimpses of the river with a sail boat here and there."

To the readers of THE EASTERN STAR the

name of Minnie Brooks is not entirely new. Through its columns she was introduced to the O. E. S. family. At the recent meeting of the Grand Lodge F. and A. M., she called upon them, accompanied by her foster father, Col. J. Van Hoose. No longer a child, but a cultured young lady, who can soon take upon herself the duties of life. Surely, to those whose privilege it had been to contribute toward making this possible, it was an occasion of joy. Minnie thanked the fraternity that had listened to the appeal of the friendless orphan, and had made their profession a thing of deeds rather than words.

So responsive were the sisters to whom mention was made of the Bazaar of Queen Esther Auxiliary, that it assures one that this is one great family. Several jurisdictions were represented by gifts. From our sisters in Massachusetts came. Sister Small and daughter, a painted scarf and satin scent bag; Sister Little, a doll. Illinois sent: Sister Pitkin, six membership badges and Queen Esther Chapter, one dozen Floral Work; Sister Elizabeth Butler, \$1.00; Sister Hall, Grand Matron, added a beautiful hand-painted banner to Kansas contributions. Sister Penn, Grand Secretary of Arkansas, sent a hand-painted plaque. Sister Jacobs, of Pittsburgh, Pa., a knitted infant sack. Montana was represented by gifts peculiarly its own. Sister Hedges, Past Grand Matron, sent a beautiful book of pressed flowers and scenes from the Rockies. Grand Matron Marsh sent a souvenir silver teaspoon, of the "St. Lawrence Mine, Butte, Mont." Of the teaspoon, Nettie Ransford is the happy possessor, made so by the vote of the Auxiliary, hence it is a souvenir of loving kindnesses in every particular.

The past year has been startling for the number of prominent men who have died. Balmaceda, Boulanger, Parnell and Donn Pedro, four statesmen and leaders, died under sad circumstances. Each represented a failing cause; and yet the death of each has given a strong impetus to the cause for which they lived. Our own State has suffered irreparable losses. Our worthy governor, Alvin P. Hovey, was called home November 23. His death caused sorrow throughout the State, for he was a man who upheld the interests of the people irrespective of party influence. He was gentle, though determined, and was a firm friend. In the death of O. C. McCulloch, the city has lost a public benefactor, a grand and noble man who gave up his life to the cause in which he labored. It was he who invented the perfect system of charity organization, by which the poor of the city are helped to help themselves and professional beggars seek other fields. Plymouth church, which Mr. McCulloch called "a house of life," was open throughout the week and filled with busy people. There is a bright reading-room where are found the magazines and papers, Mr. McCulloch's office, where he greeted one with a hearty handclasp, there are two other offices, and upstairs a kitchen, parlor, and

club-room, besides the auditorium with its fine organ. Classes of all sort meet every evening, and young people who work during the day, increase their knowledge by night. All this through the efforts of Mr. McCulloch, whose loss has been felt by high and by low, the rich and the poorest of the poor gathering at his funeral to pay their last tribute to this "noblest work of God."

It is said, and with truth, that for woman there has opened a broader field and greater opportunities, and yet the obstacles that lie in her pathway when she enters the field as bread winner can only be understood by those who have walked in the same way. It is presumed that if a man labor it is for his bread and not simply for the pleasure that there is in the work. So long however, has woman given of herself freely, that it is little wonder people have grown to think her offerings of labor are free-will. So often has the question been asked, both direct and indirect, whether or not THE EASTERN STAR was published as a means of support that no apology is offered for this mention. Naturally one shrinks from opening the closet doors to public gaze, but if there be not there a skeleton made so by ill doing, there should be no heart throbbing or flushed cheek. THE EASTERN STAR is being published as a business enterprise. True, it is managed and controlled by women—your sisters. When some four years since, after struggling against the tide of sickness, deaths and business misfortune to the family of the one who stands at the helm of this craft, it was found to be her lot and duty to enter the field of wage-workers, a brother suggested the starting of THE EASTERN STAR and offered financial aid. However, two sisters came forward with money, and the senior of this Company assumed the labor and responsibility of its management and publication. She did not bring experience to her aid but has found it all the way along the road; some sweet experiences gathered from the many, many kindly acts and helps, and some bitter ones. No laborer is considered a pensioner, but every laborer is worthy of his hire, and in this Order which "exists for the purpose of giving practical effect, to one of the beneficent purposes of Freemasonry, which is to provide for the welfare of the the wives, daughters, mothers, widows and sisters of Master Masons," surely she may be allowed a place of financial value as well as of honor only.

ADDED LINKS.

The Order seems to be gaining ground in the State of Maine. Recently two Chapters have been organized by the Special Deputy of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, John E. Haynes.

Jonathan Hunt Chapter was organized at Hermon, with fifty-one petitioners, Annie M. Eaton, W. M., J. M. Taylor, W. P., Ellen B. Hunt, A. M.

Goldenrod Chapter, at Rockland, with two hundred and five names on the petition, Miss Ellen M. Day, W. M.; Charles Sylvester W. P.; Miss Annie M. Chadwick, A. M.

For the Eastern Star.

NEW YEAR'S GREETING.

SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF THE O. E. S. OF INDIANA.—In these days of cheer and well-wishes, my heart turns to you in the hope that during the coming year, peace and contentment may sit as a guest at your hearthstone, and that the rays of the Star of Him whose love bought our ransom may guide and lead you in all things.

AUGUSTA V. HUNTER,
Grand Matron.

Columbia City.

A PLEASANT SURPRISE.

On Nov. 21, Brother S. L. C. Rhodes, Past Grand Patron of Missouri, and his wife, reached the twentieth mile stone on their journey in matrimonial life. While they were quietly enjoying an evening "at home" with relatives the house was invaded by the members of Harmony, Hesperia and Golden Gate Chapters, and Mendias, of Kansas City, Kansas. Of course, resistance under the circumstances was impossible, and they yielded graciously, even allowing the tie to be re-estimated. This duty being performed, Bro. Bigley took the couple in charge, and in behalf of Harmony Chapter, Bro. Bowker then presented the couple with a beautiful china service, and the end was not yet, for Golden Gate Chapter, through Bro. Green, presented a handsome china baking dish; and yet another, L. E. Hoffman, on behalf of Bro. Rhodes' employees, presented an elegant silver water service. There were many and elegant individual gifts, which emphasized the regard in which the couple are held, both at home and abroad. A nice collation was served, and a pleasing programme of music and recitation rendered, and then each sought his home, glad to have been numbered as one in so fraternal a family.

REST IN PEACE.

Again the shadowy presence of the great reaper has entered the fold of Queen Esther Chapter, and gathered from her number one whose name was enrolled on the charter list. After eight months of intense suffering, relief came, and our sister suffers not, neither does she mourn. Eliza Beasley was born in Northampton, England, June 21, 1834, and came to Indianapolis in 1855, where she has since resided. In July, 1857, she was united in marriage to Samuel Stephens, with whom for thirty four years she has journeyed, bearing her share of the joys and sorrows which come into a life as its natural heritage. In the early morning of December 17, 1891, she passed to her rest. For many years she has not been physically strong, but her nature was such that self and suffering was made subservient, until the demands were beyond the control of the strong will that had so long resisted them. She was of an unusually bright and happy disposition, and always con-

tributed in full measure to the pleasure of any company of which she was a part. At the organization of Queen Esther Chapter in April, 1872, she was chosen Secretary, and afterward filled the positions of Associate Conductress and Associate Matron, always discharging any and every duty cheerfully and faithfully. During the past few years it has not been her privilege, because of ill health, to be a regular attendant at the meetings of the Chapter, but her interest in its peace and prosperity was unabated. Enshrined in the hearts of many of the earlier members of Queen Esther Chapter, are memories of kindnesses in word and act, which her going out from among them cannot efface. Nor time, nor space, can separate those who have for twenty years been co-workers, and just over the way by faith we see these severed links, and we catch the faint echo, "Yet a little while longer bear ye the burdens; faint not, nor yet grow weary, for in this better land are waiting the loved ones gone before." The burial service was conducted by Queen Esther Chapter, and was impressively rendered. The floral gifts were many and beautiful, the Star with appropriately colored points being the gift from the Chapter, and from the Auxiliary a Star on which, in blue immortelles, were the cross pens. As one by one these links journey over the river and the chain on the other side lengthens, may the remaining ones cement the "tie that binds" by emulating the virtues of those gone before, until in that great Day of Rest and Gladness, each link shall drop into the place prepared for it from the beginning.

With our brother who is sorrowing, we sorrow. No children blessed the household, and the aged father, now eighty six, with the sister, whose close association with the one at rest, made the tie of sisterhood especially strong, compose the earthly household.

"The battle of our life is brief.
The alarm—the struggle—the relief—
Then sleep we side by side."

LITERARY GRINDERS.

"If you start out to make a livelihood by the pen, with only the dollar-mark before you, you will fail unless you have a gigantic genius for blinding the editors and their public," writes Edward W. Bok in the October *Ladies' Home Journal*. The man or woman who writes only with the one overpowering idea in view of what the work will bring him or her, makes a great mistake, and never will make anything else. What are called "literary grinders" by editors and publishers, are never popular or conspicuous for their success. They may seem to make a hit here or there, but not very often. The lane of the "literary hack" has a very short and sharp turn, and it is generally not far from the opening of the road. An editor is quick to single out the "grinder," as her work invariably shows it, and the man or woman who is thus classified in the editorial mind is most unfortunate.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Walker, of Aurora, as also Bro. Walker's 37th birthday. Their Eastern Star, Masonic, Odd Fellows, Rebeccas, Relief Corps, and other friends to the number of two hundred, gave them a surprise reception in the Odd Fellows Hall, where Sister Walker had gone to attend a meeting of the Rebecca Lodge, of which she and Bro. Walker are charter members. Bro. Walker was induced to stop at the hall on his way home from the commandery meeting and was astonished to find his friends had come to honor his good wife and himself. The Rev. J. H. Acton, in a few happy remarks presented a handsome Turcoman couch, a silver cake-basket, cut glass and silver berry dish and spoon and a handsome cracker bowl with plate. Sister Pitkin Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, also made a few remarks and Sister and Bro. Walker each thanked their friends for the beautiful gifts, but more for the good will and affection they indicate. After which all repaired to the banquet hall, where a sumptuous repast had been spread. Thirty-four years last June Bro. Walker came to Aurora to take the responsible position for the Burlington Company, which he now occupies; in 1890 he was elected mayor without opposition. He is a member of Oriental Consistory of Chicago, and has served his Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery as presiding officer, and is a gentleman of modest worth. Sister Walker has been Noble Grand of the Rebecca Lodge, Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star, and is now serving her eighth term. She was elected W. G. M. of the Grand Chapter of Illinois in 1884 and 1885, and served a second term in 1885 and 1886. In the General Grand Chapter, she served a term as R. W. G. Conductress. During her administration as G. M., by indefatigable zeal and hard work, she sowed much of the seed from which the Grand Chapter is now reaping such an abundant harvest. Bro. and Sister Walker are held in high regard by their associates and friends as was evinced by the beautiful and costly presents and large attendance Friday evening, in spite of the rainy weather, and they are eminently worthy of all that has been bestowed upon them—Yours.

KANSAS.

Sister Myra Mottram, G. Sec., was called to Maumee, Ohio, on account of the serious illness of her aged mother who is nearly 88 years old.

At the last meeting of Oriental Chapter, McPherson, they initiated five candidates, one of them being the daughter of the W. P., Bro. J. A. Regnell.

Dec. 10, Queen Bess Chapter, Eureka, gave the brothers a delightful banquet, with which they were greatly pleased, and for which the sisters received compliments and thanks.

Sister Wakefield, G. M., who has been quite ill, is again able to resume her duties greatly to the pleasure of not only her own jurisdiction, but her many friends in other than her own

Nov. 13, Nickerson Chapter, at its regular session, received an official visit from the G. M., Eudora E. Hall. Two candidates were initiated, and after the close of Chapter a banquet was spread.

Ivy Leaf Chapter, Wichita, held a stated meeting Dec. 1, and all who were in attendance felt better when they left. A luncheon pleasing to the eye and toothsome to the palate, was served by the ladies. There was work. The Chapter is flourishing, receiving candidates at nearly every meeting.

Harmony Chapter, Salina, welcomed its G. M., Eudora E. Hall, by a meeting of unusual pleasure. After the conferring of the degrees the company repaired to the banquet-room where an elegant spread awaited them. Sister Hall is held in high regard by Harmony Chapter and the admiration seems to be mutual.

Nov. 19, at the regular meeting of Queen Bess Chapter, Eureka, Miss Aimee Wakefield, only daughter of the W. P., was initiated into our beautiful Order. Sister Wakefield will be a valuable addition to the Chapter, being a graduate of the Southern Kansas Academy and an accomplished musician. Queen Bess has recently purchased a handsome new piano, which will greatly add to the pleasure of the Chapter.

Adah Chapter, Lawrence, entertained G. M. Sister Eudora E. Hall Tuesday evening, Dec. 22. The hall was decorated with National flags, the emblems and colors of the Order and beautiful cut flowers. About one hundred and twenty-five guests had been invited to witness the installation ceremony, which was conducted by Sister Hall, assisted by P. M. Deering as G. Mar. A banquet was served later in the evening, and the entertainment voted a success by all present.

Anchor Chapter, Olathe, held a delightful social and banquet in honor of the members that had been initiated during the year, to which Sister Eudora E. Hall, G. M., was invited. After the work all repaired to the parlors where with a number of invited guests, a varied program was enjoyed. Following this, about two hundred sat down to a supper, such as only the sisters of O. E. S. know how to serve. The G. M. expressed herself well pleased with the work and manifested interest.

Mendias Chapter, Kansas City, has again been called upon to part with another member, Sister Stone, the only surviving member of the original Mendias, passed to her rest the last of Nov. This is the third time within the year that the Chapter has called to mourn. "Yet with the sorrow it has been a year of pleasure and prosperity." Twenty links have been added, and the finances are in good condition; \$25.00 has been spent for charity, and there is still \$7.00 in the social fund toward throws for the chairs. Dec. 12, a peanut social was held and a pleasant time is reported. The socials will be continued through the winter.

MONTANA.

Lilly of the Valley Chapter, Bozeman, in-

augurated the winter festivities by a grand ball on Thanksgiving eve. It was a success socially as well as financially.

MICHIGAN.

Nov. 27, Past Grand Matron, Mrs. O. L. Davidson organized a Chapter at Muskegon, assisted by Mrs. A. A. Matteson, P. G. M.

Nov. 13th a Chapter was organized at Dansville, Ingham County, by Mrs. A. A. Matteson, P. G. M., under the title of Dansville Chapter with Mrs. Hannah Chase, W. M.; Lamartine C. Chase, W. P. and Mrs. Elizabeth Grimes, A. M.

Nov. 24, Oriental Chapter of Grand Rapids, held a special meeting. There were over a hundred members present. Nine candidates received the degrees, and the work was rendered beautifully. Refreshments were served, and a general good time enjoyed by all.

MINNESOTA.

Dec. 5, Lorraine Chapter initiated eleven candidates.

Nov. 27, Plymouth Chapter conferred the degrees upon four candidates.

Faith Chapter, Glencoe, is not yet one year old, but is doing pleasing work.

December 14, Minneapolis held its annual meeting and re-elected Sister Taylor W. M.

Nov. 26, Excelsior Auxiliary gave a very delightful hop at the Sampson House, Excelsior.

Nov. 20, Plymouth Chapter had initiation and after the Chapter was closed the members and visitors enjoyed a light tripping to festive music, passing a very pleasant evening.

In the October issue we were misinformed as to the number of signatures on the petition to organize Royal Chapter at Chatfield. There were ninety-two signatures to the petition, seventy-four of whom were present the evening the Chapter was organized.

October 24 the W. G. M. and W. G. P. visited Jasper Chapter at Rush City, the grand officers acting as W. M. and W. P. The degrees were conferred upon four candidates. At the close of the initiation Brother Markham, W. P., on behalf of the Chapter presented Sister Jacoby with a beautiful basket of cut flowers. After remarks the evening's entertainment closed with a banquet.

Nov. 23, Minneapolis Chapter held a reception for the W. G. M. and W. G. P. This Chapter is fortunate in having a W. M. who is very active, always on the alert in matters of interest to the Chapter. One of the pleasantest features of the evening was the different Chapters represented, Harmony, Lorraine, Constellation, Excelsior, Monticello, Minnehaha and Omega Chapters U. D. Remarks, music and refreshments made the evening pass very pleasantly.

A note received from Sister Suzette C. Eckenbeck, W. M. of Hope Chapter, Waseca, says: "Our Chapter is in a very prosperous condition." And that is the universal report from all the Chapters. The Masonic fraternity is beginning to appreciate

the work of the ladies, and numbers of them are knocking at the doors of the Chapters. As one said not long ago who had just taken the degree: "Every Master Mason should take the degrees. Wherever I go they shall hear from me."

December 2, Constellation Chapter had its annual election, and initiated two candidates, closing with a banquet. The following are the officers elect for the ensuing year: Mrs. Jennie Dampier, W. M.; Andrew P. Swanstrom, W. P.; Mrs. Aurelia Flourney Asso. M.; Mrs. Martha A. Gordon, Sec.; Mrs. Martha C. Schumaker, Treas.; Mrs. Meta DeVol, Con.; Miss E. I. Young, Asso. Con.; Edward McStay, Chap.; Miss E. Wilson, A.; Mrs. Amelia McStay, R.; Mrs. Gertrude Grewe, E.; Mrs. Lida Weller, M.; Mrs. A. P. Cameron, E.; Mrs. Addie L. Trudgen, War.; Miss Sadie Lynch, Org.; J. C. Fischer, Sen.

December 16, the auditorium in Masonic Temple, St. Paul, presented a festive scene long to be remembered. It was the occasion of the installation of the officers of Constellation Chapter, with over 600 people present; the 500 electric lights, the profusion of plants and flowers, and the happy faces of the large assembly, veritably it was a blaze of glory. The officers were installed by Louise E. Jacoby, W. G. M., assisted by Annie E. Walker, G. Mar., and Brother C. W. Putnam as G. Chap. A large number of grand and past officers were present. Bro. Swanstrom, on behalf of the Chapter, presented Sister Jacoby with an elegant basket of cut flowers. After installation a musical and literary entertainment was given which for variety and ability has never been excelled in the history of the Chapter. One of the pleasing features of the evening was the address of the W. M. elect, Sister Jennie Dampier.

December 19 the W. G. P., Bro. Swanstrom, organized Ransford Chapter at Worthington, with thirty-eight charter members. The following are the officers selected to serve during dispensation: Mary R. Mitchell, W. M.; Charles W. Smith, W. P.; Mrs. Samantha E. Shell, Asso. M.; Mrs. Etta P. Webb, Sec.; Mrs. Hattie H. Bigelow, Treas.; Mrs. Hannah Parker, Con.; Mrs. Carrie I. Johnson, Asso. Con.; Miss Winifred Shell, A.; Mrs. Louise Crane, R.; Mrs. Caroline A. Forbes, E.; Miss Etta Torrance, M.; Mrs. Sarah C. Johnson, E.; Mrs. Mary E. Bennett, War.; Mrs. Josie L. Lewis, Org., A. P. Darling, Sent. At the suggestion of the Worthy Grand Patron the Chapter was named after our respected Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Nettie Ransford. This Chapter starts out very auspiciously. It at once ordered all necessary paraphernalia from Sister Pitkin, and has money in the treasury besides.

The following explains itself. Hastings, Minn., Dec. 3, 1891. Resolutions passed at Electa Chapter, O. E. S., on Tuesday evening, Dec. 3, 1891:

Resolved, That we, Electa Chapter, No. 11, do hereby surrender our charter to the old Grand Chapter, and that we apply to the new Grand Chapter for a new charter, with our name and number unchanged. And that

Bro. A. P. Swanstrom, W. G. P., be requested to be present at our next meeting, Dec. 22, 1891, for re-organization.

MRS. HANNAH HANSON, Sec.

In accordance with the resolution of the worthy Grand Patron, Worthy Grand Matron, and a goodly number of sisters and brothers visited Electa Chapter Tuesday evening, Dec. 22, and re-organized it under new auspices. A very pleasant time was enjoyed by all present, and the greetings of those who had been separated for a time were most cordial and friendly.

MISSOURI.

Randolph Chapter, Moberly, held public installation on the evening of Dec. 15. G. M., Mary E. Wakefield, served as installing officer, and rendered the service in a beautifully impressive manner. A very interesting program followed, after which all repaired to the banquet hall where an elegant banquet was served. The rest of the evening was spent in music and social converse. The officers are: W. M., Mrs. Mary A. Gould; W. P., Tom S. Kellogg; A. M., Miss Julia Ruby; C., Miss Stella McLachlin; A. C., Miss Anna M. Jackson; Treas., Dr. Mary E. Hale; Sec., Mrs. Jennie Pierce; A., Miss Clara Clark; R., Mrs. Addie Williams; E., Mrs. Ella Frye; M., Mrs. M. E. Clarke; E., Miss Ida Bryce; War., Mrs. Lissie Levisay; Sen., Wm. Snyder.

Harmony Chapter, Kansas City, closes a most delightful and prosperous year. The number of its accessions during the past year, the remarkable attendance, the happy social relations, and the real helpfulness afforded, have been phenomenal. The gross additions, by initiation and affiliation are seventy-five, (75) and seventy of these were by initiation. Match that in your own matchless city, if you can! With a membership now of one hundred and sixty-five (165) there is no reason why the two hundred mark will not be passed in 1892. In addition to contributions of money and clothing to our Masonic Orphans' Home, the sisters of this Chapter have raised by banquets and otherwise, one hundred and fifty dollars, to be invested in some profitable manner. Added to this, there is in the treasury of this Chapter over one hundred dollars. Truly, this is a good showing. In a large measure, all these facts are due to the untiring labors, and the inspiring presence of Sister Phebe Miller, W. M.; and Bro. Van F. Boor, W. P. In season, and out of season, have they labored. They have been gallant leaders indeed. And to them is due the delightful social gatherings held, and for the harmony and cordiality that prevails. We have reason to believe the newly elected officers will continue the good work. They are May Edgerton, W. M.; Ben Warner, W. P.; Edith Hensen, Asso. M.; Alice Manor, C.; Mary Rouse, A. C.; Carrie Hebel, Treas.; Helen L. Griffith, Sec. The installation was a pleasant affair. The hall was crowded, and the banquet excellent. One of the pleasant features of the evening was the presentation of a beautiful piano lamp to Sister Miller, the retiring W. M.,

and a handsome silver individual castor to Bro. Van F. Boor, the retiring W. P. The presentation remarks were made by Bro. E. H. Phelps. The surprised recipients replied in fitting terms, after which congratulations followed. THE EASTERN STAR is a welcome visitor. You ought to have at least one hundred subscribers in Kansas City. Congratulations of the season!—Harmony.

The officers of Hesperia Chapter, Kansas City, were installed Dec. 22, by Mrs. Mary Wakefield, G. M., Mrs. Ada H. Bigley acting as G. Mar., assisted by Bros. Rhodes and Bumhelp. The Hall was filled with members and friends of the Order, and all were pleased with the manner in which the work was done. A select musical and literary entertainment followed, during which time Bro. Wakefield presented our P. M., Ada H. Bigley, on behalf of the Chapter, with a beautiful P. Matron's jewels, as follows:

WORTHY MATRON, SISTERS AND BROTHERS:—Our cheerful surroundings to night, these happy faces of the members and friends of our Order which I see around me—this excellent corps of officers just installed, all indicate to my mind great prosperity to our Chapter for the ensuing year; and form a striking contrast to an incident in our history which occurred only four and a half years ago, when under charter granted by the Grand Chapter of Missouri, Hesperia Chapter No. 172 suddenly emerged from oblivion and cast her timid rays athwart the horizon. Born amid the pealing of thunder and flashes of lightning which vied with the down-pouring torrents of water, and formed a scene calculated to impress still further the spirits of the faithful few who were assembled on that gloomy night in June 9th, 1887, to assist in adding this Star to our constellation.

That the work was well done, the foundation properly squared and laid, and the various elements of which this Chapter was composed firmly cemented together by the strong bonds of friendship and brotherly love has been fully demonstrated in its subsequent history.

That we have met with discouragements we do not deny, but amid them all we have been guided and encouraged by the heroic actions portrayed by the several heroines of our Order, and exemplified by the conduct of all those who have been chosen to preside over our deliberations.

And now, permit me say, without disparagement to any of her predecessors in office, that I but express the sentiments of the entire membership of this Chapter, when I state that we were especially fortunate in the selection, one year ago, of Sister Ada H. Bigley for our Worthy Matron—pre-eminently qualified by nature, and with heart filled with love for our Order, she has as proof of her fidelity to duty, often at great sacrifice to her personal comfort, been present at every meeting of our Chapter, and has filled her station with that high degree of intelligence, dignity and impartiality which not only designated her as the model Worthy Matron, but has endeared her more closely to the hearts of every member of our Chapter.

SISTER BIGLEY:—It is eminently fitting, at the close of your term of office, which has marked the most successful year in the history of our Chapter, that you permit the members of Hesperia to express their high regard for you, not only in consideration of your labors as Worthy Matron, but as a slight token of their personal esteem and fraternal love. And it is my pleasant duty to present to you, on behalf of your sisters and brothers of Hesperia Chapter, this beau-

tiful Past Matrons Jewel, as a slight expression of the feelings of our hearts toward you. And I desire to accompany this token of our love with the thought, that although it is composed of the finest of gold and mounted with the richest of gems, yet it is not for its intrinsic value we ask you to wear it, but for that nobler and higher motive which actuated the hearts of the donors—their high personal regard for you.

We sincerely hope that your pathway through life may be hedged with flowers, and be as bright as the gems which adorn this beautiful emblem of our Star. That your zeal for our beloved Order may never diminish, and that when you are admitted into the Grand Chapter above, the Grand Patron of the universe may say to you, as your sisters and brothers of Hesperia Chapter have said to-night: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

To say that she was surprised is putting it mild, as she had no idea whatever of receiving anything. After the response, which I regret I cannot remember, an hour was spent in social intercourse, and all separated feeling that with the good work done by Hesperia Chapter last year, and the excellent corps of officers selected for the present one, her future was very bright.

HESPERIA.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Queen Esther Chapter, Boston, held a basket picnic at the close of the meeting, Nov. 23, which was heartily enjoyed by all, and which netted a neat little sum for its treasury.

Signet Chapter, Cambridge, held a regular meeting, Dec. 9, and elected the following named officers to serve for the ensuing term: W. M., Ella C. Taplin; W. P. Geo. H. Munroe; A. M., Margaret A. Dutton; Sec., Lizzie S. Blackman; Treas., Ella J. Chandler; Con., Philippine B. Geoppe; A. C., Ada P. Kinnear.

Melrose Chapter, Melrose, recently gave an apron sale, entertainment and social dance, which proved very successful, both financially and socially. The Maynard Concert Co. presented a very pleasing program. During the evening a gypsy fortune teller proved a fund of amusement, aprons found a ready sale at good prices, and a lunch counter was well patronized. The annual meeting of this Chapter was held Dec. 11, and the following named officers elected: W. M., Carrie Knowles; W. P., Frank H. Carter; A. M., Sarah B. Westgate; Sec., Yena Clapp; Treas., Adelaide R. Streeter; Con., M. A. Caswell; A. C., Annie Lincoln. The reports showed a large amount of work during the year, eighteen candidates initiated, quite a sum of money raised by entertainments, and a very profitable year generally.

The sixth annual ball of Keystone Chapter, Boston, was held in Knights of Honor Hall, 731 Washington street, Nov. 25, and greatly enjoyed by all the participants, the only drawback, seemingly, being the absence of some familiar faces, never before missed, who were detained at home by illness on this occasion. At eight o'clock the grand march was led by P. P. John Hicks and W. M. Sister M. J. Sawyer when "the light fantastic toe," was tripped and "all was

merry as a marriage bell" till the "wee, sma" hours of the morning.

The order of dances was unique and very pretty, the design representing a five-pointed star shedding its silver rays over a winter scene. The music was by Choate's orchestra. A nice supper was served by Caterer Seller. The proceeds of the ball netted over \$70 for the Treasury.

This Chapter has done a large amount of work during the year, and as it draws near the close the interest does not abate, six candidates being initiated at the meeting Dec. 8, and one petition received.

The annual meeting of Vesta Chapter, Charlestown, was held Dec. 18, and the following named officers elected: W. M., Ida I. Brown, W. P., S. B. Blethen; A. M., Annie R. Scolley; Sec., Helen A. Atkins; Treas., Frances M. Williams; Con., Ella G. Sprague; A. C., Grace E. Holton. The report showed a fair amount of work during the year, eight candidates being initiated, two more elected, and the Chapter in a good condition financially, and with an invested fund of nearly \$700. This Chapter gave an "entertainment and lemon squeeze" after the regular meeting, Dec. 4, and although the evening was a stormy one, it was quite a success. The entertainment consisted of songs by Sister Grace E. Holton and Misses Mabel B. LeFavor and Fannie Robbins; recitations by Miss Ella Bragg, and comic songs by Geo. W. LeFavor, each number receiving a hearty encore. At the close of the entertainment all were invited to the banquet hall, where a large tree bore lemons, each of which contained a prize. Lemons were sold, and Miss Bertha Groves won a nice pitcher by buying the one containing the largest number of seeds; and Sister Ella G. Sprague a lemon squeezer for the least number. Bro. S. B. Blethen proved the shrewdest guesser of the number of lemon seeds in a bottle, and captured a bonbon basket. A "lemon" lunch was also well patronized.

After the business of Mary Love Chapter, Waltham, had been transacted, on Dec. 2, the Chapter resolved itself into a "committee of the whole" for an entertainment. Every one present was required to present something for an entertainment or forfeit ten cents. The entertainment was opened by the W. M., Sister E. L. T. Almy reading a selection entitled, "Welcome." Next the "Glee Club" a combination composed of Bros. S. Frisebee and J. M. Greenwood, and Sisters Alice P. Warren, E. I. Dill, J. E. Eaton, F. J. Webster, and Lydia Small, gave "The Swanee River," piano accompaniment by Sister E. G. Priest; and on encore gave "Auld Lang Syne." The Chaplain, Sister A. P. Mulloy, read a sketch illustrating the Englishman's effort to harmonize "H." Sister Childs gave a piano solo; Bro. A. P. Smith, a recitation; Sister Hannah Greenwood whistled "Yankee Doodle" in costume. Sister Alice P. Warren gave two recitations, and by urgent request "Mary's Lamb" in four languages. Bro. Alex. Starbuck made a speech, told a story, and contributed ten

cents, two. Sister Ethel K. Moore presented conundrums in a "nutshell," which was a source of much amusement. The others present chose to pay the forfeit of ten cents, and \$4.60 was thereby added to the treasury. The entertainment closed by the "Glee Club" playing "America;" and all agreed that a very pleasant and profitable evening had been spent with Mary Love Chapter.

Bro. Daniel S. Jones, W. P. of Beulah Chapter, Stoneham, and his estimable wife recently gave the officials of the Chapter and a few friends a very pleasant outing at their summer residence at Lakeview. This was originally a Methodist camp ground, but is now owned by the Chautauqua Literary Club. It is situated on the side of Waite Mt., Framingham, which is covered with a beautiful grove of birch, maple and other deciduous trees. A row of evergreens on either side overshadow the road as you near the grove. The top of the mountain by a building is surmounted by a building called the "Hall of Philosophy," which is used exclusively by the C. L. Club. On the east side is the auditorium with a seating capacity of over 6,000, which is used by nearly all evangelical denominations for camp meetings, and each denomination has a building for its own headquarters. Beside these are the cottages nestling amongst the trees for the accommodation of the people at these large gatherings. During the cold weather the place is deserted except by the Superintendent of the grounds, who remains during the year. To this now quiet spot we wended our way in the still hours of night, after paying a fraternal visit to Orient Chapter, S. Framingham. It was a lovely night, with the moon at the full, and the sky without a cloud, but it was a very chilly one, and although the scenery was both grand and beautiful in the silvery light of the moon, we were very glad to reach the cottage which Sister Jones had spent the day in warming for our reception. The morning was as clear and bright as the preceding evening, and the early part of the day was spent in viewing the grounds, which presented such a weird and beautiful autumnal scene. After partaking of one of our hostess' best clam chowders, we took the early afternoon train for our several homes, with very grateful hearts for the courtesies extended, and an increased desire to visit our Brother and Sister again at this lovely spot, and view the beautiful scenery when clothed in a mantle of green.

R. E. L.

Mizpah Chapter, Marlboro, held its annual election of officers on the eve of Dec. 14. After most efficient service, our W. M., Adie S. Stone, retires from the chair. The Chapter has a record of two successful years, and to Sister Stone is due very much of its success. Obstacles have always vanished under her most skillful government. Entire harmony has prevailed. Constant growth of the order has been the rule. The members of United Brethren Lodge affirm that their influence and prosperity have largely increased since they welcomed Miz-

pah Chapter to their Lodge room. We have promoted to the office of W. M. the tried and proved A. M., Mrs. Mary S. Greeley, who we are convinced will serve the Chapter with equal acceptance. Her officers are, Mrs. Georgetta Child, A. M.; Anna G. Stone, Treas.; Harriett R. Piper, Sec.; Annie E. Marshall, Con. Kate Hall, A. C. At the same meeting four applications were voted upon and four candidates were initiated at a special meeting, Dec. 21. The sisters of Mizpah Chapter are to place a new piano in our Masonic Temple to help swell the tide of rejoicing at the dedication of our new home that we expect will occur some time in January. E. J. B.

NEVADA.

Electa Chapter, Carson City, held its election, with the following result: Martha J. Murphy, W. M.; M. A. Murphy, W. P.; Jennie Jacobs, Asso. M.; John D. Kersey, Sec.; Pauline Wagner, Treas.; Lilly Swift, Con.; Maggie Gordon, A. C. The W. M. has filled that position every year but one since the organization. The W. P. is one of Judges of Supreme Court of Nev., and the District Attorney of the County and his wife were the last initiates. There can be no doubt of the legal standing of that Chapter.

OHIO.

Grace Chapter, Geneva, has a membership of nearly ninety. Public installation was held on the evening of Nov. 20, with Asso. G. P., W. H. Osborn, of Chardon, as installing officer. There were about one hundred and fifty in attendance. The officers had new jewels and collars for the occasion. A very excellent musical program was rendered, with brief addresses. The officers are: W. M., Mrs. H. E. Grover; W. P., H. E. Grover; Asso. M., Mrs. J. E. Kenny; Sec., Nina S. Bowe; Treas., Mrs. W. F. Bedell; Cond., Anna Reid; Asso. Cond., Mrs. Emma Dorman; Chap., Mrs. Martha Drumm; Mar., Nina Martin; A., Celia Babcox; R., Lilah Reid; E., Nellie Morse; M., Josephine Sherman; E., Winnie Turner; War., Nellie A. Park; Sent., Sylvester Drumm.

On the evening of Dec. 9, at Garrettsville, Crescent Chapter gave a reception to the members of Garrettsville Blue Lodge, and their families. The Chapter room being already too small for even the membership, a public hall was secured for the evening, which was beautifully decorated, having the appearance of a huge drawing room. The walls were beautified with many elegant pictures. Lace curtains hung from the windows, art squares and rugs nearly covered the floor, choice plants on handsome tables, and easy chairs everywhere present. The word "Welcome" in large letters of evergreen, with the emblematic star in the five colors, combined with the square and compass, were upon the wall, where none could fail to see. A short address of welcome was given by the W. M., followed by a response from Prof. Pierson, of Hiram College. Several pieces of excellent music, with two well-rendered recitations, made a pleasing

programme, after which refreshments were served to over two hundred persons. We think it safe to say, the evening was very pleasantly spent by all present, and will be conducive of good to the Order. B. J. M.

TEXAS.

October 24, Sister Mary Kipp, Electa of the G. C., was called from her earthly home, her death occurring at Cedar Bayou.

Adah Chapter, San Antonio, continues to increase in number and grows in the estimation of not only members but others.

Our Grand Chapter is in a flourishing condition. One new Chapter has been organized since our Grand Chapter meeting and applications are out for six more, and with the prospects before us we will invade Mexico with our beautiful Order ever long. The writer, while in attendance at the Grand Lodge at the city of Houston on Dec. 8, had the pleasure of meeting with Senior Jose Rossemberger, Grand Master of North Tamaulipas, Nuevo Laredo, Mex., who seemed very anxious to get the Eastern Star organized in his country. At the last meeting of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas the following resolution was offered by A. F. Hicks, G. P., and was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, By this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge that it accept with gratitude the proffered co-operation of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in providing funds for the establishment of our Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, and pledge to our good women the hearty good will and assistance of the Masons in Texas in this grand work. J. D. S.

WISCONSIN.

Chippewa Falls Chapter, Chippewa Falls, was granted a dispensation to organize with Flora B. Giney, W. M.; Fred T. Condit, W. P.; Ellen C. McCane, A. M.; H. M. White, W. P. of Relief Chapter, Maniden Rock will organize.

Lac La Belle Chapter, Ashland, was organized by W. H. Webb, W. P. of Queen City Chapter, West Superior as Special Deputy of G. P. Lawrence. Emeline Mackennan, W. M.; G. W. Carrington, W. P.; Sarah M. Bancroft, A. M.

Honor Chapter, Sturgeon Bay, continues in its good work, having initiated two candidates at its last meeting and four petitioners waiting initiation. The newly elected officers are Rachel J. Thayer, W. M.; Wm. A. Lawrence, W. P.; Josephine N. Lawrence, A. M.; Christena A. Laurie, Sec.; Mary Snow, Treas.; Cora E. Raub, C.; Ella E. Wright, A. C.

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Thou hast all seasons for thine own, O Death!"

K.

Osborne Chapter held its installation on the same evening as the R. A. Chapter, and it was one of the pleasant events of the season. The hall was filled with members of the Orders and their friends. Sabina E. Deturk served as the installing officer, and was the recipient of a handsome badge, which shows the appreciation in which she is held by the members. Refreshments were served, and altogether the evening was one long to be remembered. The officers are: Sister J. A. Hubbell, W. M.; C. W. Crampton, W. P.; Anna Skinner, A. M.; Tammie Hahn, Sec.; R. R. Hays, Treas.; Hannah Robertson, Con.; Miss Carrie Linville, A. C.; N. Farwell, A.; W. B. Bowen, R.; E. J. Botkin, E.; Jennie Pitts, M.; Nellie Linville, E.; Sister W. F. Smith, War.; J. A. Hubbell, Sent.

The regular meeting of Ivy Leaf Chapter, Wichita, was held Tuesday evening, and a large number were present. The Chapter has a very bright prospect before it, there being work on that evening and flattering promises for the future. A fine luncheon was served by Mesadmes Whitlock and Applegate and Whitlock. A number of visitors from neighboring Chapters met with them, and an enjoyable time was had by all. Before the closing of the chapter, Mr. Mitchell rose, and in the name of the chapter, and with a very elaborate prologue, presented the Past Worthy Matron, Mrs. Endora E. Hall, with a beautiful antique silver-trimmed jewel case. On the under side of the cover was a plate with this inscription, richly engraved upon it: "To Our Past Matron, Ivy Leaf Chapter No. 75 O. E. S., Jan. 5, 1892." Both the presentation speech and the reply were very well done.

Beulah Chapter, Topeka, has completed the most successful year of work since its organization. Over fifty members have been added to its roll of membership. Sister M. A. Branstrup as W. M., and Brother J. S. Collins as W. P., assisted by an able corps of officers, have certainly made Beulah Chapter a Star of the first magnitude. The newly elected officers were installed on Dec. 26 by Mrs. M. A. Branstrup, with the hope of a prosperous year. A banquet was given at the close of the Chapter year, in honor of the new members. The pleasures of that evening will never be forgotten by those participating. Bro. Collins supplied each officer with a garland of flowers appropriate to their degree. The tables and altar were also beautifully decorated with flowers, making the air redolent with their perfume. A lovely repast was served in the banquet

hall, and enjoyed by the members and visitors. A number of appropriate toasts were tendered and responded to in a pleasing manner. Rev. James Colwell, Dean of Grace Cathedral, is the Chaplain for the coming year. Mrs. E. R. Startzman is W. M.; J. S. Collins, W. P. They start out with the earnest intention of performing their duties in a manner befitting Beulah Chapter. J. M. G.

The following resolutions were adopted by Ivy Leaf Chapter, Wichita. Sister Dorsey was the first link to fall in death. She held the position of Ruth for the past two years, and Bro. Dorsey is P. P.

WHEREAS, The angel of death has for the first time entered our Chapter and removed our sister, Ella Dorsey; and

WHEREAS, In the death of our lamented sister, the chapter has lost one of its brightest and most earnest workers, and her home the presence of a faithful wife and loving mother, therefore, be it

Resolved, That while we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, we extend to the bereaved husband and motherless children our sympathy and good offices, and commend them to Him who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb, and who alone is able to comfort in time of trouble; and

Resolved, That this chapter will hold in sacred remembrance our beloved sister and her many virtues, and be ever ready to extend sympathy and loving hands to her children; and

Resolved, That our Chapter continue to be draped with the usual emblems of mourning for the space of thirty days, and that these resolutions be spread upon the records of the Chapter, a copy presented to the bereaved family, and a copy furnished the city papers for publication.

D. SMYTH,
CARRIE FETLEY,
EVA GILL,

Committee.

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RESIGNATION.

What will it matter by and by
Whether with cheek to cheek I've lain
(Close by the pallid angel, Pain,
Soothing myself through sob and sigh?
All will be elsewise, by and by!

What will it matter? Naught, if I
Only am sure the way I've trod,
Gloomy or gladdened, leads to God—
Questioning not of the how, the why,
If I but reach Him, by and by!

—M. S. P. S. O. W.

BENJAMIN LYND.

**M. W. Grand Patron of the General
Grand Chapter Order Eastern
Star.**

In presenting to the readers of this paper the likeness and sketch of Brother Lynds, there is accorded to the Order of the Eastern Star a proper and deserved recognition. As the chief officer of that Order he is best known throughout the country, while known and very highly respected at home. Brother Lynds is of English descent, and shows in the hearty fervor of his nature and manner his ancestral stock. He was born some fifty-eight years ago in the city of Truro, Nova Scotia, his parents being natives of that province and descended directly from an English family. In young manhood Bro. Lynds left the land of his birth and settled in Boston, where he studied drawing and architecture, and acquired the trade of a builder, his present vocation. The attractions of the great west drew him to Chicago when about twenty-four years of age, where he operated his line of labor four years, and then came to St. Louis in 1860, where he became a permanent resident and respected citizen. His Masonic history dates back some twenty-five years, at which time he petitioned Naphtali Lodge, No. 25, in this city, and subsequently

received the several degrees in regular order in that Lodge. In 1880 he was appointed Sen. Deacon in said Lodge, and the year following was elected Junior Ward n, advanced to the West in 1882, and at the next election was chosen Worshipful Master, and was honored by a re-election for a second term in 1884. In December, 1886, he Dimitted from Naphtali and affiliated with Tuscan Lodge, No. 360, where he now holds his membership, being recognized as one of the efficient and

principal Sojourner during two terms commencing in 1884. His promotion followed in order through the succeeding positions until he reached the station of Most Excellent High Priest in 1887.

Brother Lynds became a member of Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8, in 1882, having been Knighted in November of that year. When Bernard de Tremelay Commandery was formed a few years since, Brother Lynds was one of the petitioners, and became a Charter member of the same, and has held the position of Treasurer for two or three terms. He began his Scotch Rite career in 1884, and in May, 1885, received the Thirty-Second degree in that branch of Masonry. Among other degrees received was that of the Holy Order of High Priesthood. Brother Lynds belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Royal Arcanum and Legion of Honor. As already intimated, Brother Lynds is most generally known by reason of his active connection with the Order of the Eastern Star, both at home and abroad. He entered that order in 1881, becoming, at that date a member of Tuscan Chapter, No. 68. His service as Worthy Patron in Tuscan began in 1883. He succeeded to higher honors in 1885, when elected Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Missouri, at Moberly. At a meeting of the General Grand Chapter held in 1886, Brother Lynds was chosen to second office in that body and at Indianapolis, Indiana, September 28th, 1889, he was elected Most Worthy Grand Patron of the highest body of the Order of the Eastern Star, which office he now fills, his term expiring in 1892.

During his administration as Grand Patron, he introduced and recommended several important and needed changes which led to good results. His suggestions were approved, and now stand as part of the regula-



BENJAMIN LYND.

active workers. His connection with Capital Masonry began in 1881, when he received the degrees in Kilwinning Royal Arch Chapter No. 50. He served that Chapter as prin-

now stands, Dickens placed Fellson's dingy, old-fashioned house. On the outside, in the shadow of the Bar, sat grim Jerry Cruncher, the "old jobman" for Fellson's. Beside him sometimes stood his son and heir, Jerry, Jr., soliloquizing upon his parent's rusty fingers, and in looks, as much like him as two peas.

The bus has stopped here to gather up more passengers, and we have more time than usual to think and talk upon the dreary mysteries surrounding this notorious spot. Now the conductor gives the signal, the driver shouts to his horses, the wheels begin to turn and we find ourselves rolling down Fleet Street.

Fleet Street—famous for its newspaper establishments, taverns and coffee-houses, where the lawyers and newspaper men love to congregate. Famous, too, for the love Dr. Johnson bore its crowded, busy walls and highway.

We tried to imagine him, "tall, grand, authoritative, but stooping horribly, his back quite round, his mouth continually opening and shutting as if he were chewing something, with a singular method of twirling and twisting his hands; his whole body in constant agitation." A queer picture. Yet this was the author of the "Rambler," the "Idler" and the renowned Dictionary, the "Genius loci" of Fleet Street.

Here is "Cock Tavern," named from the golden bird over the door—the one who is supposed to have given Johnson all the "big" words for his Dictionary. Some one proposed that we stop and learn how to pronounce them, but the coach rolled on unheeding.

Next we pass Fleet Prison, or rather the site it once occupied, now Memorial Hall, built by the Nonconformists, commemorates the spot where Bishop Hooper and so many of the Star chamber were incarcerated.

This is the place where Mr. Pickwick spent so many trying weeks. Here he beheld so much vice, misery and suffering, that his benevolent heart was well nigh broken.

But what has happened? We seem to be jammed in on every side. Wagons, hacks, coaches, busses and vehicles of all kinds are packed so closely together that to extricate ourselves seems impossible. Yet the experienced driver watching his opportunity, winds in and out, sometimes coming within a hair's breadth of moving wheels, but always escaping them, until at length Ludgate Hill is surmounted and St. Paul's, black and grand is before us.

We had visited the church before, but the impression now is entirely different. Coming from the midst of a throng of worldliness upon this serene, calm house of Godliness, the effect is somewhat startling. Surely, many a busy, active man, passing by the very steps of the Cathedral to his place of business, breathes an involuntary prayer when he gazes upon this silent monitor.

Lost in contemplation of one of Sir Christopher Wren's noblest efforts, St. Paul's dome grows dim in the distance, before we look

around us and realize that we have passed into a different part of the city. An indescribable change there is, yet we have no instinctive feeling of horror to tell us this is Whitechapel, until we are electrified by "In there's where one of them murder's tuk place."

Drawing closer to each other, we gaze into the low, dark, vaulted passage-way, and curious little thrills race up and down the spinal column.

"In there's another."

We look through an open doorway, this time, into an inner court. It does not look as gloomy as the other place, and we brighten up a little and think we should like to examine these things more leisurely.

The omnibus stops; we have come to the end of our journey. Having determined beforehand to return by boat, we dismounted and (horrible thought) are alone in Whitechapel.

Huddling together, we inquire the way to the dock. No time for leisure now, we must catch the next boat. A dark, narrow street now swallows us from sight. It is thick with mud and the side-walks only wide enough for one. The windows of the stores are stuffed with rags and give out a damp, musty odor. Groups of men are talking together on the corners. Horrors! There are four that we must pass. I would not confess it, but I have an insane idea that one of the number is "Jack the Ripper," himself. They step aside very courteously, however, to let us pass, with nothing stranger than a curious glance. Yet we are not safe, we may be followed. Ah! there is the river, the dock, the boat; the tickets are purchased and how relieved I feel as we go gaily puffing up the Thames.

The horrors of Whitechapel! I realize now the injustice of the opprobrium resting upon that place, called "the disgrace of London."

We have seen in Paris, in Rome, in Naples, aye even in proud New York City, dens of poverty, sin and wickedness, which is the work of humanity to cleanse and purify. There are hospitals, churches and schools in Whitechapel, and going through it on that bright morning, it was the idea previously conceived, that filled us with dread, there was no positive danger.

I think there was sarcasm in my friends' remarks—don't you?—when she said with a great sigh, "O, aren't you glad we left our valuables at home?"

M. ANGELICA THAYER.

For The Eastern Star.

ABOUT WOMEN'S WORK.

Scanning the "want" column in the daily newspaper, we find under the head of situations wanted—female, the applicants divided into two kinds, girls wanting situations to do housework, and lady stenographers wanting positions. The girls seeking to do housework are for the most part foreigners and country

girls, for an American girl, however poor she may be, prefers the factory or store to the kitchen. The high-school graduate who wishes to earn her own living, sees but two lines of work before her—teaching and becoming a stenographer. She chooses one of these lines because it is an easy matter to get into these professions.

Since the city schools can accommodate but twenty-four graduates of the Normal School each year, a large number of young bread-winners are forced to abandon the idea of teaching. These naturally fall into learning stenography, and since girls in little towns, society girls, and even married women, whose time hangs heavy upon their hands, learn short-hand and type-writing in order to earn a few dollars for spending money, the market is glutted with stenographers. Now, while there are thousands of stenographers, there are really but few good ones who can earn fifty and sixty dollars a month. The average stenographer is simply a machine. The general complaint of employers is that they have to spend at least a year teaching girls to spell, punctuate and make grammatical sentences. Why girls who learn shorthand, do not add to their vocabularies business terms, and every new word they run across, is a mystery, but the fact remains that few of them become competent enough to attend the business correspondence of their employers.

The girl who has taste for neither stenography nor teaching, need not be discouraged. The fact that she dislikes office work may prove a blessing to her. Nearly every woman loves to prepare dainty dishes, and there is always a demand for home-made cooking. Two or three women, who enjoy cooking, and who are willing, as men are, to invest money in their business, even if they have to borrow it, can enjoy an enormous profit by opening a lunch-room in the business portion of a large city, or by running a first-class boarding house. The woman who towns a boarding-house must learn to buy provisions in large quantities and at the wholesale houses, here is where she saves her money. The charm of a lunch-room is always its cleanliness, and be the food well-cooked there is always a rush of custom. Two Scotch sisters, who have a restaurant in the Board of trade building, Cincinnati, are growing independently rich, and but supervise the work themselves.

In cities there is always a demand for home-made candies, and there is 100 per cent. profit upon the sweets. A number of ladies in a church recently agreed to each invest a quarter and see how much it would earn in a year. Over \$1.00 was netted. The ladies sold yeast, blueing, bread, cake, pie, jellies, candies, etc. One lady had a kiln and burned china for her friends, earning over \$25.00. Each lady agreed that the hard part of earning money lay in selling one's articles to one's friends. This part of the performance, requires a great deal of bravery, but the woman who wages a battle for bread must expect to be brave.

LAURA A. SMITH.

TO MY FIRST LOVE.

[The following "valentine" was written by one of our sisters to her mother, and it is given here for the enjoyment of other sisters and mothers.—N.]

We find our first Love in our infant days,
Ere little feet have trod life's devious ways;
And as the days and years dream on apace,
The Mother-love in every act we trace.

To her whose loving care did guard my youth,
I offer now this tribute as a proof
Of tender, loving thought for mother mine,
And ask her to accept my valentine.

For The Eastern Star.

WOMEN AS COMPETITORS.

A distinguished editor is inclined to be facetious in a recent article published in a popular magazine, over the fact that the great World's Fair at Chicago will be distinguished from all other fairs of the sort by the prominence of women in its management.

It is impossible to take the writer seriously when he inquires, "What has woman that is peculiar to herself that is worth exhibiting?" He enumerates needle-work, weaving, literature, painting and sculpture, all of which he declares are equally, if not better done by men, and then he asks, "What impression will be made by woman's arts and industries?" Ah, he knew that was woman's tender point—what impression will she make—and the woman reading that query begins to feel that the only thing that she can show as the result of her life work is nothing but some grown-up man who now sits in Congress, or fills the pulpit, because she made him what he is by her self-denials and small economies. When the women do turn their efforts toward such an exhibit, mayhap the editor who penned the query will form a part of the spectacle, for he knowingly flings at woman as being used to managing, even to managing men. Possibly a woman had some part in making him what he is, and he therefore would come under the head of "woman's arts and industries."

His sage conclusion, however, is that the only way in which women, en masse, can compete is in what is called Society. He assumes that in such a contest the men would be at a disadvantage, as our social life, such as it is, depends largely upon woman.

One has studied the real matter of woman's appointment in the Columbian Exposition to little purpose, if he has not discovered that this separation of women's and men's interests is just what is sought to be overcome by the appointment of women managers.

Man has for ages, claimed as his peculiar province all wage-earning pursuits, all artistic effort, all scientific discovery, and the sole right to publish his thought, his plans, his perceptions, his achievements.

Of his own free will he has deserted the realm of society and tied himself to the club-room where none but his own sex may enter. It is hoped that when the Exposition takes place and the distinguished editor is there to behold what woman may exhibit that is peculiar to herself, he will not fail to discover

that many things which once he supposed emanated from the brain or hand of man, are in reality the production of some woman's hand or brain.

The impression that she will make, and about which the anxious editor is troubled, we take it will be this: that she has emancipated herself!—a thing which no man has been able to do for her.

In former times it was by the decree of some potentate, or as the result of bloody war that liberty was wrought, but woman's freedom has been accomplished without bloodshed, with no blow of trumpets, no high-sounding proclamation, and so certain scribes not finding a record of the event in any drawer of which they hold the key, have yet to learn of her emancipation.

The surprise of such at the World's Fair will remind one of the British officers' consternation in view of woman's independence at the time of the evacuation of New York, by the British troops in 1783.

The program was all laid out, the American troops were to march into the city with General Washington and Gov. Clinton at their head, escorted by the West Chester Light Horse under Captain Delavan, and a public dinner was to be given and toasts were to be drank, and with all due ceremony the American flag was to displace the British colors, which not once had been struck in that city during the war. It was to be a grand scenic display, but the women were not in it, so a valiant matron on Chatham Street, inspired by the same patriotism which nerved Barbara Frietchie, opened her windows, and two hours before the stipulated moment for hoisting the American colors she flung the grand old flag with its thirteen stars to the breeze, over her own door, and defended it against a British provost officer with her broom-stick.

That flag still floats; and the women of this country who made it with their own fair hands, and first flung it out into the air of a free country, are going to see that it floats as their ensign no less than man's at the World's Fair, its folds instinct with liberty for all without regard to color, sex, or previous condition of servitude.

M. SEARS BROOKS.

GRAND CHAPTER OF WISCONSIN, 1892.

The Grand Chapter met in Egyptian Hall, Milwaukee, and was called to order at two p. m., Wednesday, February 17.

The gavel was sounded by the Grand Marshal under whose directions the Grand Officers were invited in and were given the Grand Honors. It was opened by Grand Matron, Adency Irons, assisted by the Grand Patron, William A. Lawrence, and Associate Officers without the aid of rituals.

There were present as visitors, Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec.; W. H. Wright, G. P. of Illinois; and Nettie Ransford, M. W. G. M., who were received with grand honors.

The work was exemplified in the evening by Milwaukee Chapter, and was very beautifully and impressively rendered, after which an elegant banquet was served by the chapter.

The welcome was offered by Associate Grand Matron, Mary H. Martin, who is also Worthy Matron of Milwaukee Chapter, in well-chosen words as follows:

WORTHY GRAND MATRON, WORTHY GRAND PATRON, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER O. E. S. OF WISCONSIN:—I feel that I am honored, inasmuch as it falls to my lot to-day, to stand before this assembly gathered from all parts of our State, and, in behalf of the Grand Officers, say to one and all we most heartily welcome you on this occasion. The days of a year have rolled swiftly by since we met in this hall to organize this Grand Chapter. I see before me many of the faces that were with us on that occasion, and it affords us true pleasure to again bid them welcome. We also extend greetings to the new links which have been added to the chain, thereby lengthening and strengthening it, and may this body which it binds together have a bright and prosperous career. Its past existence, though short, has certainly been prosperous. Not a link has been severed, and twice the original number has been added to the chain.

We meet to-day under pleasant auspices and extend to each other joyous, fraternal greetings, but this occasion is not for pleasure alone. Responsibilities that we cannot shirk rests upon us all. Sisters and brothers, we are here to review the work of the past year, and to lay plans for the future. Let us then with zeal and devotion engage in the business before us, giving to every matter a just measure of careful consideration that will be for the best good of the Order, and in thus seeking to uplift and promote the interests of the Order, may we with one accord let all self-interest be lost. Let every expression concerning measures and policy be spoken publicly, frankly and kindly; this for the good of the Order, and that the chapters throughout the State may be benefitted by our deliberations. With these few words and a sincere wish that the time spent here may be beneficial to us all we again bid you welcome, and ask that you will extend to each other the same fraternal greeting. When we separate and return to our homes, may it be with a feeling that this has been an entertaining and profitable occasion, and as the years roll by may we recall this gathering as one of the pleasures too bright to be forgotten.

The response was made by Sister Annie Phillips, of Mineral Point, who showed that the work had fallen into capable hands:

DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF THE O. E. S.:—We have responded to the call of the Grand Chapter to meet our fraternity in your beautiful city of the lakes, and have listened to your warm and loyal words of welcome. To be so cordially greeted gives us fresh zeal to go forward with our work, to inculcate in the minds of all who are entitled to receive the benefits of our beautiful Order the mysteries uniting us to the five points of that Star which heralded to humanity the coming of the Savior, and as that Star was more brilliant than any of the heavenly bodies, so our Star shines resplendent among the galaxy of all charitable orders.

Our watchwords, Truth, Charity and Loving-kindness, are jewels more precious than all the gems of Golconda, and should unite us in bonds of sympathy where the evil spirits of jealousy, hatred and uncharitableness are forever expunged.

This unique hall, with its characteristic de-

vices of the days of Ninevah and Babylon, brings to us the reminder of the ancient Order of which we are auxiliary, and to whose chivalry we are indebted for making our loved Order subsidiary to their brotherhood in works of unity, benevolence and charity. With them we may unite to celebrate their patron saints, and address them as brothers, although no mysteries of the craft are divulged to us. To the uninitiated, the unworthy motive is ascribed in the formation of our auxiliary—to insure domestic tranquility—but we know their motives were wholly chivalrous in placing mothers, wives, sisters and daughters, at their side to help hold up their hands in all good work. And as the Holy Scripture is their guide in secret conclave, as well as through life, with them we bow in reverence and adoration.

To the Grand Matron, I wish to express my appreciation of her confidence in my ability to fill the office of Grand Marshal, as successor to a dearly loved sister, who has been called away to an unseen world, since our last assembling.

We, with whom she so often met, deeply and sorrowfully render this faithful tribute, and although we lose her here, may we all gather on the other shore, where not one link of our fraternal chain may be missed, and may we be so faithful here, that when we come into the Master's presence, like Ruth, we may be laden with sheaves.

The address of the Grand Matron was quite lengthy and showed that the twelve months just past, had not been idly spent. She had visited several chapters, assisted in the organization of quite a number of subordinate chapters, and beside had prepared a form for opening and closing of the Grand Chapter, and for the constituting of subordinate chapters.

The address of the Grand Patron demonstrated the fact that the honor had not been unworthily bestowed. He reported the organization of nineteen chapters, and recommended several Constitutional amendments.

One Grand Officer, the Grand Marshal, Sister Clara Gilman, had been called from labor to rest.

During the year the membership had increased 800, and of the thirty subordinate chapters only three were not represented.

The officers for the ensuing year are: G. M., Mary H. Martin, Milwaukee; G. P., A. A. Hinman, Oshkosh; G. A. M., Emma Herrick, West Superior; G. A. P., D. Webster, Prairie Du Chien; G. Sec., Helen M. Ladin, Milwaukee; G. Treas. Lucile Parker, Milwaukee; G. C., Annie Phillips, Mineral Point; G. A. C., Minnie Reigel, Tomah; G. A., Sister T. S. Heyhurst, Waterloo; G. R., Electa Hadley, Oconomowoc; G. E., Harriet Dunlap; G. M., Susan Rogers, East Troy; G. E., Rachael Thayer, Sturgeon Bay; G. War., Emma Friend, Antigo; G. Sen., Leonard Barrett, Milwaukee; G. Mar., Martha Terkes, Eagle; G. Chap., Sister DeLorea LaCross; G. Or., A. G. Farrill, Milwaukee.

QUEEN ESTHER AUXILIARY.

To-day, January 22, 1892, ends a very prosperous year for the Auxiliary. Early in the year an entertainment was given in Pool's Hall, which was very enjoyable, and resulted in replenishing the treasury. A little later,

the society decided to assist in the purchase of Robes for Queen Esther Chapter, and for that purpose donated the sum of fifty-one dollars and fifty-nine cents (\$51.59.)

In November a Bazaar was proposed and a committee appointed to arrange for it. It was held December 9, in Masonic Hall. Booths, for the sale of articles, were draped with the colors of the Order. On the first evening a concert was held, and on the second, delightful music made everyone wish to "trip the light fantastic." Many articles were donated by members from other jurisdictions. A snug sum was contributed to the treasury by it.

Later in December, the ladies of the Auxiliary prepared the supper for Pantalpha Lodge, on the occasion of their installation of officers. Total receipts for 1891, \$245.46; disbursements, \$210.48; total, including balance, \$103.20.

Officers for 1892: Mrs. Adel Hays, President; Mrs. Ella Barrows, Vice-president; Mrs. Lizzie Smythe, Secretary; Mrs. P. A. Hampton, Treasurer; Mrs. Clara Holderman and Mrs. Lizzie Crowe, Directors.

LIZZIE SMYTHE, Sec.

Indianapolis, Ind.

LETTER FROM MONTANA.

DEAR SISTER:—Doubtless you have just received my last communication and will think me a frequent visitor, but after the close of our regular communication of Ruth Chapter, held last evening, 17th instant, at which one candidate, J. E. Wilkinson, was received in the chapter by initiation, a little out of the usual order of entertainment was given, which I must tell you about. It was our pleasure to see at our banqueting board two brides and grooms, the brides being two of our Past Conductresses, in whose honor the entertainment was given, Mrs. Mary Daum, (nee Crossman,) and Mrs. Angie Raul, (nee Burton.) We have been witness to weddings that long since occurred in our chapter-room, where both bride and groom were members of the chapter, but this time our sanctuary was invaded by outside "Knights" and two of our jewels captured. I think the blame in this case can be attached to our Sentinel, Brother Fred McDonald, who certainly must have been off duty. However, we are well pleased with the captors, as they are both gentlemen of worth, and highly esteemed by all in our community.

We were somewhat disappointed in not receiving in time the small tokens of our esteem and love, that was to have been presented our sisters on this occasion, but as the jewels could not be finished, we had to meet this disappointment, like all others in life, by supplementing the next best pleasure to take the place of the absent. On this occasion we were fortunate in having present Brother A. C. Logan, of Helena, P. G. M., A. E. and A. M., who was called upon to respond to the "toast," "Our Brides," and he did cred-

it to the subject in a most happy manner. Verily, we thought Brother Logan, for a time, forgot his station in life as being a married man, and became the lover of the fair ones. Our brother flitted among the honied words of the poets, sipping from them the sweets of love, and poured them forth in the ears of "sign o'ta's" until noticing the side glances from the grooms, we began to have fear of interruption with one good brother, but as his words were gathered and given from others, he was left to finish in peace, and at the close all was "merry as the wedding bell."

The brides join me in compliments to you and send this taste of bride's cake, that you may know you was thought of on this occasion. Although they do not personally know you, through your visits in THE EASTERN STAR, they have learned to know and love you. We hope this may reach you in good condition; have tried to fix it so it might. With the hope that your arm is fast improving and may soon be well.

I am yours sincerely,

LIZZIE O. MARSH, G. M.

Butte City, Mt.

THE HABIT OF DOING.

Industry is a matter of habit. Happy the girl whose mother trained her to do a certain amount of work before she was let free to play! Such a girl will, when beyond her mother's control, set herself a task, and never will she feel at liberty to amuse herself till the work is done. This habit will run through every performance. As her industry becomes more dignified in kind, she will perform it with the same conscientiousness. The young girl who set herself a "stint" when crocheting, and could not rest till it was accomplished, will also set a stint in her housework, her teaching, her writing, her painting. She will in all these, feel the impossibility of ceasing till the allotted task is accomplished, and then, in every case, sweet peace will fill her soul.

A woman is at work in the Patent Office at Washington looking up all the records and models of women's inventions from the beginning of our country until the present time, these statistics being desired by the Woman's Board of Managers for the World's Fair.

Miss Hulda Friedrichs, a brilliant young German, has been engaged by the Fall Mall Gazette, to make a tour of the United States, and write up the social institutions of the country, and especially matters relating to women.

The worthiness of a cause will not bring success unless those who have the cause at heart show their worthiness by their works.

Don't get excited; compose your thoughts and rest. A child once described nervousness as "being in a great hurry all over."

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she has most acceptably filled. Feb. 12, Miriam was again called to duty and furnished the banquet for Emporia Chapter, R. A. M. The brothers were loud in their praise for its excellence. A social with music, under the direction of our organist, Flora B. Kenny, was a very pleasant feature. The W. M., Abbie H. Gibson, is always on the alert in matters of interest to the Order. This little effort added to our treasury \$25.00. Our members are an earnest set of workers, anxious to know all of the work possible. I assure you is with great interest we read your columns, thereby learning of the work in our old home States. H.

The following resolutions were adopted by Woodbine Chapter, on the death of Brother Joseph Bucher. We, the undersigned would respectfully submit the following:

Again, death has entered our chapter and severed another link from the golden chain of our Order, and

WHEREAS, Our brother has finished his allotted task in the conflict of life, and the chapter of his sojourn is closed, his many virtues shall not go unrecorded.

WHEREAS, By this sad loss we are forcibly reminded, that in the midst of life we are in death, and in the measureless realm of time how brief is our earthly existence, and it should admonish us to be prepared for that great change, and be it

Resolved, That the members of this chapter, who has seen his star in the east, bow submissively to Him who doeth all things well, and may the star that guided our brother here continue to lighten his pathway even in the valley and shadow of death, and

Resolved, That we sincerely sympathize with our sister and family in this their hour of deep affliction, and commend them to Him who alone can give true comfort to the widow and fatherless, and

Resolved, That as a further mark of our respect to our brother, the chapter emblems be draped in mourning for thirty days, and a copy of these resolutions be placed upon the records of the chapter, and a copy presented to the family of the deceased, and furnish THE EASTERN STAR, and the "Douglas Tribune for publication.

MARY BROWN,
JENNETTE MITCHELL, } Com.
L. R. BUMP.

MONTANA.

Miriam Chapter, Helena, installed its officers at its first meeting in January. Sister Edna L. Hedges served as installing officer. The principal officers are; Lucy Railsback, W. M.; C. B. Nolan, W. P.; Alice Hopper, A. M.; Mattie Boolser, Sec.; Jennie Paynter, Treas.

MAINE.

A star of unusual brilliancy has appeared in the galaxy of the Maine constellation. It is christened Golden Rod Chapter, and is located in Rockland. Its organization was completed Feb. 16 with about 150 petitioners. Its present corps of officers are: Ella M. Day, W. M.; Chas. A. Sylvester, W. P.; Annie M. Chadwick, A. M.; Blanche Ingraham, Sec.; Sister M. P. Judkins, Treas.; Sister J. R. Stewart, Con.; Sister W. S. Irish, A. C.; Emma F. Hills, A.; Etta Hall, R.; Blanche Thompson, E.; Sister R. H. Burnham, M.;

Sadie M. Bartlett, E.; Mary Ingraham, War.; F. S. Sweetland, Sen.

MICHIGAN.

Sister O. L. Davidson, P. G. M., is spending the month in Chicago, Ill.

Feb. 10, Middleville Chapter gave a very pleasant musical and literary entertainment.

The house-warming of the chapter at Iron Mountain was a success in every particular. The sum of \$240.00 was realized.

Sister A. A. Matteson, P. G. M., organized a Chapter at Dundee, Jan. 13, under the name of Ruth, with 35 charter members. Mary A. Stewart, W. M.; Henry A. Stewart, W. P.; Marian Richardson, A. M.

Middleville Chapter has extended an invitation to Hastings Chapter, to visit them on the afternoon of Feb. 20, the occasion being their sixteenth anniversary. There will be a literary program followed by a banquet.

Sylvia Chapter, Buchanan, held a box social at Leo W. Rough's, $\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of this place, on Feb. 22. It being leap-year, the gentlemen furnished the boxes and the ladies did the buying. There were about 100 people present. It was a social as well as a financial success for the chapter. C. O. H.

Mystic Chapter, Fort Gratiot is making gratifying progress and enjoying steady and harmonious prosperity. Five candidates have lately been initiated, three applications have been passed on favorably and two others referred to committees. The Chapter has purchased a set of elegant chairs of which we are somewhat proud. On Friday evening the 20th ult, the O. E. S., assisted by the F. & A. M., Lodge, gave a "Star" social which was the most unique and entertaining affair of the season, as well as being a decided financial success. In the "West" was spread a large table so constructed as to represent a perfect, five-pointed star, each point attractively covered with choice china and shining silver. Napkins, trimmings and decorations were in appropriate colors; and cakes, biscuits, butters, etc., were star-shaped or stamped with Masonic emblems. Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha, and Electa, in beautiful costumes of brilliant colors, presided gracefully over their respective points of the Star, adding a novel and pleasing feature to the entertainment.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The entertainment was given with the view to replenish the treasury as well as to spend an enjoyable evening, and a good sum was netted therefor.

Signet Chapter, Cambridge, held the first meeting in their new hall Feb. 12. Two candidates were initiated. Visitors were present from Vesta and Keystone Chapters. Supper was served at early evening.

Melrose Chapter, Melrose, held a regular meeting, Feb. 12, received three petitions and initiated one candidate. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for an entertainment to be given in April. The "clam

dinner" served at the close of the meeting was greatly enjoyed. Visitors were present from Vesta and Beulah Chapters.

Queen Esther Chapter, Boston celebrated Washington's birthday by giving a "New England dinner" at their hall on the evening of that day, over which the W. M., Sister Carrie A. Odiorne, assisted by the W. P., Wm. H. Stocker, presided with her usual dignity. P. W. P., J. F. Collett, and Phebe Goodwin, impersonated George and Martha Washington, and were heartily applauded in their representation. A fine musical and literary entertainment was also presented.

Mizpah Chapter, Marlboro, gave a public social on Feb. 15. It was a delightful affair, under direction of Mrs. E. F. Johnson, who for several months has had in training the sons and daughters of Mizpah Chapter in a tennis drill, which was the particular attraction of the evening. By her patient care the boys and girls performed their parts almost perfectly. A floral rainbow, with the same teacher, by the little children, was daintily rendered. Music, song and social filled the remainder of the evening. A welcome sum was placed in the treasury as a result of the evening's entertainment. E. J. B.

Keystone Chapter, Boston, received two petitions, elected two, and initiated two candidates, at the regular meeting held on Tuesday evening, Feb. 9. A large number of visitors were present from Vesta, Beulah and Signet Chapters. This chapter celebrated its seventh anniversary Feb. 23, by giving a Leap Year Party at their hall. The hall was well filled, almost too crowded for dancing, which was the only drawback. It was a "calico" party, and the many colored costumes presented a bright and lively picture as they whirled in the mazy dance. As on former occasions, it was a very pleasant evening spent with Keystone Chapter.

At the regular meeting of Mary Love Chapter, Waltham, held Feb. 17, two petitioners were elected. Sister E. P. Warren, who is "a host in herself," entertained the chapter with recitations and whistling solos, giving "Sockey Cadacuts," by special request. A "conundrum lunch" was then served, over which the W. M., Sister E. L. Y. Almy, assisted and Martha Friche presided. Delicate invitation cards ornamented with a tiny five-pointed star, the handiwork of P. M., Ethel K. Moor, had been distributed. They also contained the following menu: "Common Concoction, Cheap Comfort, Creature Cheer, Cook's Calling Cards." Sisters L. J. Havener, E. K. Moor, E. A. Byram and E. Mitchell served. So quietly had the arrangements been made that it is still a conundrum to the brothers when the preparations were made.

The evening of Feb. 4, the following officers of Naomi Chapter, North Adams, were installed, P. M., Lettie E. Wanen, as installing officer; Flora A. Porter, W. M.; Henry C. Savage, W. P.; Isa A. Gallup, A. M.; Della M. Temple, Sec.; Minnie Fuller, Treas.; Sarah

Makant, Con.; Alice V. Rand, A. C.; J. Makant, Chap.; Maud E. Potter, A.; Jeannie Jarvie, R.; Helen Patten, E.; Rhoda Barnacoat, M.; Carrie Childs, E.; Clara White, War.; H. C. Rand, Sen.; With one exception the officers were installed for their second term, and the W. P., who is also G. P., for the third time. Naomi Chapter, although not as large as some of its sister chapters, is ambitious and has, during the past year, furnished in the new annex of the North Adams hospital a pleasant and very pretty room for the use of Masons and their families and members of the Eastern Star. The chapter begins the new year with bright prospects and renewed vigor.

At the regular meeting of Vesta Chapter, Charlestown, Feb. 5, the following resolutions were adopted:

"To the Officers and Members of Vesta Chapter:

We, your committee, appointed to prepare resolutions of condolence on the death of Sister Lydia A. Cutter, beg leave to submit the following for your approval.

Again the Angel of death has entered our chapter and severed another link from our "golden chain." Our sister, Lydia A. Cutter, has finished her allotted task in the conflict of life and has gone to join the "golden chain" around the altar of the All-wise.

Her patient endurance of suffering and her pleasant smile, will ever be remembered by those that paid her visits during her long illness.

Resolved, That we extend our sympathy to the husband, not forgetting to assure him that beyond the "valley of the shadow of death" there is a reunion that is never again broken, and that knows neither sorrow or pain.

Resolved, That our sympathies also go out to the son who will ever have the remembrance of a true and noble mother, which thought will brighten the gloom and lighten the load of sorrow that now weighs upon his heart.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolution be transmitted to the husband and son of the deceased, and be entered on the records of this chapter."

ETTA PERRY,
ELIZABETH HARRISON, } Com.
F. S. ATKINS.

MINNESOTA.

Plymouth Chapter, Minneapolis, is to give a dancing party March 3.

Feb. 20, Lorraine Chapter held its regular meeting. One candidate was initiated and four petitions were balloted on.

January 27, Constellation Chapter gave another of its promenade concerts and social parties in the new auditorium of Masonic Hall, which was quite largely attended.

Zenith Chapter, Duluth, presented its retiring W. M. an elegant silver tea service, a well-deserved tribute to a sister who has filled the office most acceptably for two years.

Minnehaha Chapter held a dime social Feb. 10. The evening was delightfully spent in cards games and dancing. It was a social success, and also added a few dimes to the treasury.

Minneapolis Chapter, at its meeting Feb. 9,

initiated three candidates and received nine petitions for membership. Hennepric Lodge, A. F. and A. M., has kindly given this chapter the use of its new stereopticon.

Omega Chapter, which was organized three days later than Minnehaha, also in Minneapolis, has made an equally good record. Arcana Lodge, A. F. and A. M., recently presented this chapter with a beautiful set of officers' badges.

January 22, St. Paul Chapter publicly installed its officers, the installing officer being Sister M. A. Burke, P. M. After installation adjournment was had to an adjoining hall where a social party was had. Sister Sarah Densmore, W. M.; Brother George L. Weaver, W. P.

December 22, 1891, Halyon Chapter, Albert Lea, had its election and installation, followed by a banquet. This is one of the active chapters in the southern part of the State. Sister Geisler W. M.; Brother Asa Squires, W. P.; Sister Lowe, A. M.; Sister Wescot, Sec.; Sister Crandall, Treas.

Excelsior Chapter is meeting with success, the members taking much interest in its work and socials. The officers are preparing to render the Floral Work when they expect to provide themselves with new robes. The officers are: Della Eddy, W. M.; Will Mason, W. P.; Estella Apgar, A. M.; Jennie Herash, Willis Willard, Treas.; Hattie Brishine, Con.; Lillie Mason, A. C.; Alice Willard, A.; Aggie Seamans, R.; Anna Apgar, E.; Anna Phelps, M.; Mary Meaker, E.; Harry Phelps, War.; J. Miller, Sen.

Virginia Chapter, Tracy, was burned out last December in the destructive fire that visited that town, and which consumed Masonic Hall with other buildings, is not in the least discouraged, but now meets in G. A. R. Hall and is doing good work. This chapter during the progress of the fire and after, did many acts of kindness that will long be remembered and should bear excellent fruit. The Masonic fraternity intend to have new and more commodious quarters in the spring, and the chapter will share with them. Sarah Segur, W. M.; W. H. Little, W. P.; Amy Whiting, A. M.; Blanche Grant, Sec.; Hannah Lloyd, Treas.; Myrtle Gibbs, Con.; Alice Richards, A. C.

The annual election of Faith Chapter, Glenwood, occurred in December. The principal officers are: Anna Sinims, W. M.; M. C. Tifts, W. P.; Martha Allen, A. M. On Dec. 31, we visited Miriam Chapter, Hutchinson. An elegant banquet was served. There were visitors also from Litchfield and Browntown. We were most delightfully entertained and at twelve o'clock we started home, fifteen miles away, wishing for frequent re-occurrence of such pleasant evenings.

Death has visited our chapter since I received your last publication. Sister Olive Davis was called to rest on Jan. 4. The beautiful Episcopal burial service and that of the O. E. S. was conducted for her; her husband

and little seven-year old daughter have the sympathy of the entire community.

February 5, the Grand Patron officially visited Monticello Chapter and installed the following officers for the ensuing year: Mary E. Bryant, W. M.; J. R. Longfellow, W. P.; Julia Fuller, A. M.; Mrs. Kate Hardie, Sec.; E. B. McCord, Treas.; Sister L. C. Stokes, Con.; Lillie Glazier, A. C.; Kate Tarbox, A.; Clara Bertram, R.; Ellen Walker, Es.; Anna McCord, M.; Leon Weston, E.; Lillie Longfellow, War.; D. F. Fuller, Chap.; Thomas Bertram, Sen. The installation was public and was followed by a banquet. One pleasing feature of the evening was the presence of a large number of influential and prominent Masonic brethren, who then had an opportunity of witnessing a very agreeable ceremony and hearing a few remarks in regard to the Order. One result of the meeting was the signing of a number of petitions for the degrees.

Feb. 19, Minnehaha Chapter, U. D. of Minneapolis, tendered a reception to the officers of the Grand Chapter and other Eastern Star people, who were in the city attending the Department Convention of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. There were present A. P. Swanson, G. P.; Emma Forsythe, A. G. M., of Brainerd; N. A. Gearhart, A. G. P., of Duluth; Ida M. Wing, G. Sec.; Sister Mayham, P. G. M.; Bro. Mayham, P. G. P.; Sisters Gearhart, of Duluth, and Bivins, of Brainerd, and many members of chapters in this city. One petition was received, the candidates elected and three initiated, the officers going through the work without using their rituals, and performing it well and impressively. Interesting addresses were made by the G. P., Bro. Swanson, Bro. Gearhart and others. Refreshments were served by the brothers, and altogether a delightful evening was passed. Minnehaha Chapter was organized in June, and has nearly doubled its membership since that time.

January 26, W. G. P. Swanson, received a letter from Brother Chas. Gage, Secretary of Mizpah Chapter, Brownsdale, to the effect that at a regular meeting of that chapter held on Saturday evening, January 22, it voted to surrender its charter to the old organization and ask a new charter at the hands of the legal Grand Chapter, and they would be pleased to meet him at its next regular meeting for the purpose of re-organization. Saturday, February 13, the Grand Patron repaired thither and in the evening re-organized the chapter, giving it a new number, 36. Twenty-five sisters and brothers from Unity Chapter drove over in the evening and assisted the Grand Officer in the re-organization and conferring the degrees upon two candidates. After the chapter was closed all sat down to a sumptuous "feed." Thus was added another link to the great majority in this jurisdiction. Tears of rejoicing were shed by a good many over the happy outcome of this meeting, re-uniting old friends in one band, as it were, of sisters and brothers. This chap-

ter has a brighter future before it, as was evidenced by the fact that six petitions were presented that evening. Sister Brown, W. M.; J. B. Graves, W. P.; Anna Gage, A. M.; Chas. Gage, Sec.

February 10, 1892, at Red Wing, passed away Brother William E. Hawkins, a charter member of Martha Chapter, in the sixty-second year of his age. Brother Hawkins came to Minnesota thirty-seven years ago and settled in Red Wing, when that now beautiful city was but a mere hamlet. And when Minnesota took on Statehood it was not much more than a hamlet, for on Thanksgiving day of that year all the white citizens met in one house, as one family, and ate dinner together and rejoiced over the fact of their becoming citizens of a State which in the not far distant future was to become one of the foremost among the States of the Union. Brother Hawkins was not only an active Mason but an active business man, always ready to assist in promoting the welfare of the city which he had made his home. Several times he was elected Mayor, and had held many important positions of trust, not only in the city but in the State. He was buried February 12, and his remains were followed to their last resting place by one of the largest gatherings of citizens and others ever seen in the city, composed of Red Wing Lodge, No. 8, under whose auspices the funeral was held, the Odd Fellows and United Workmen, of which societies he was also a member, and the city council and fire department. He was also a member of LaGrange R. A. Chapter, Tysian Council and Red Wing Commandery, K. T. Among the floral gifts was a beautiful floral trumpet presented by the fire department, and a floral square and compass presented by Sister and Brother Swanson, of Constellation Chapter, St. Paul.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The officers of Martha Washington Chapter, Goffstown, were installed by Mary J. Horne, A. G. M., assisted by Nancy J. Moody, as G. M., and Emma F. Newell, as G. Sec.; all of Ransford Chapter, Derry. The officers installed are as follows: Mary E. Conner, W. M.; James H. Conner, W. A.; Melissa Colby, A. M.; Otis F. Sumner, Sec.; Clara A. Prichard, Treas. The installation services were well performed. A collation was served, upon the whole, and a very enjoyable time was had. The chapter has increased its membership from 19 charter members to 34, and is prospering finely.

Feb. 2, Jamer H. Conner, A. G. P., as Dep. of the G. P., and Mary J. Horne, A. G. M., assisted by a number of Martha Washington Chapter, Whitefield, organized Themis Chapter, U. D., at Petersboro. The degrees were conferred upon 13 candidates in the afternoon, by members of Martha Washington Chapter. Mary E. Conner, G. R., as G. M.; Jamer H. Conner, G. P.; Melissa Colby, G. A. M.; Otis F. Sumner, as G. S.; Rebecca P. George, as G.

C.; Maria A. Jenkins, G. A. C.; Mary Belle Bartlett, as G. A.; Estelle M. Hoitt, as G. R.; Nellie F. Jenkins, as G. E.; May F. Sumner, as G. M.; Lucy A. Dodge, as G. E.; George W. Colby, as G. W.; John W. Hoitt, as G. S.; Jessie E. Jenkins, as G. C. In the evening the degrees were conferred upon 9 candidates, with Mary J. Horne, as G. M., the other officers being the same as in the afternoon. We had a fine time, and were royally entertained, and I predict that a first-class chapter, will be heard from at Petersboro. J. H. C.

OHIO.

Report of committee to the Iona Chapter Eaton, on the death of Sister O. A. Christman:

Death is truly no respecter of persons; it lays its icy hands alike upon the aged and the young, the noble and the lowly, the cherished friend and the outcast; all alike must yield to its stern behests. In the relentless career it has taken from us a beloved sister in our noble Order. In the death of Ollie A. Christman, Iona Chapter of the Eastern Star has lost a beloved and worthy member, her bereaved husband and daughter, a true and loving wife, a devoted and faithful mother, her many friends and relatives, one whom they loved and highly esteemed. To them all Iona Chapter tenders its sincere condolence. May "He who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb," send them comfort and consolation.

This chapter will cherish her memory in our hearts, and we will earnestly strive to emulate her virtues.

In token of our sorrows we will clothe our chapter in the usual habiliments of mourning, and tender to her bereaved husband, daughter and relatives, a copy of this expression of our sorrow and condolence.

MARCUS L. HOLT,
MARY E. FARR,
MARY H. ROBBINS. } Com.

At a regular meeting of Pearl Chapter held Feb. 23, the W. M., Sister, S. D. Mell, appointed a committee consisting of Sister S. H. Schmuck, Brothers M. App and S. H. Schmuck to draft suitable resolutions on the death of our highly esteemed and distinguished Sister E. R. Felton, whose death occurred at the family residence on Detroit St., Tuesday morning, Feb. 16.

Sister Felton was selected first W. M. of Pearl Chapter, and re-elected unanimously to serve the chapter a second time. Upon the organization of a Grand Chapter of the O. E. S. for Ohio, Sister Felton was elected as Grand W. M. and filled the position with honor to herself and credit to the order; and now, while we mourn the great loss caused by the death of our dear sister, the Grand Chapter of Ohio mourns the loss of its past G. W. M., and the Order one of its most devoted members, and all the members of the order realize that a bright link has fallen away in death to be linked on that golden chain on high.

WHEREAS, In the death of our dear sister, this chapter has lost one of its brightest, most earnest and zealous members, and her home the presence of a true, noble and generous wife, and loving mother. Therefore be it

Resolved: That while we bow in humble

submission to the divine will of Him who doeth all things well, we extend to the husband, our dear brother and to the motherless children, our heartfelt sympathy in their great sorrow and bereavement and commend them to the star of Bethlehem, which will guide all the faithful to the New Jerusalem, that home not made with hands.

Resolved, That Pearl Chapter will hold in sacred memory, the many virtues of this tried servant of God so that her good deeds may be perpetually recorded in our hearts and

Resolved, That Pearl Chapter be draped in mourning for the term of 60 days, and that these resolutions be spread upon the records of this chapter; a copy sent to the Secretary of the Grand Chapter, and a copy engrossed be presented to the bereaved family.

MRS. S. H. SCHUMUCK,
MR. M. APP,
MR. S. H. SCHUEUCH, } Com.

TEXAS.

Caassil Chapter, Brownwood, at its recent meeting conferred the degrees upon three candidates, one being the Master of the Blue Lodge. The sisters made a new carpet for the chapter room and the brothers tacked it down that the chapter might have the first use for it. At the close of the meeting they served cake and coffee which all seemed to enjoy very much. Bro. Cassil, in behalf of Sister Cassil for whom this chapter is named, presented it a lovely floor star.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—Gate City Chapter, Denison, is now in a most flourishing condition and growing steadily. Its membership numbers more than seventy, the majority of whom are devoted to its work as well as interested in its social purposes. The meetings are always well attended and the spirit of peace and harmony prevails. We have a most efficient corps of officers and all perform their duties in a most creditable manner. We possess a handsome set of officers jewels, floor cloth, and stands for the several points, all appropriately draped in the emblematic colors. Have also a handsome cushion for kneeling at the altar and altar scarf. The work is done with few exceptions without the use of rituals. The reception of new members is always followed by a social and refreshments and general good feeling, and a hearty good time indulged in.

On Dec. 27 we held a chapter of sorrow in memory of the dear departed of the order, which meeting was well attended and the ceremony most interesting and impressive, besides being well rendered. Three new members are to join the Golden Chain at the next meetings, and so the good work goes on.

J. C.

As there can always be found in this world plenty of things to find fault with, so there can always be found an untold number of blessings. Never stop to worry because some people are better off than you are; rather keep your heart full of thankfulness because you are so much better off than are thousands of other human beings.

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Sister Ella B. Shearer, Grand Secretary of Ohio, who has been the victim of la grippe and its followers, is convalescing. THE EASTERN STAR wishes her speedy and complete recovery.

THE EASTERN STAR, in its last issue, intended extending the right hand of fellowship to the new claimant for Masonic favor, "Iowa Masonry." It is a welcome visitor, and we wish for Brother Smith the success that the enterprise merits.

SISTERS:—Do you want some handsome visiting cards—O. E. S. monogram embossed in gilt, with name, residence and name of chapter to which you belong? Well, send eight yearly subscribers to THE EASTERN STAR and in return receive a hundred beautiful cards.

Among the recently graduated students of the Deutal College in this city, is the son of our Grand Secretary, W. H. Smythe, and Sister Lizzie J. Smythe, who is now ready to enter the contest for a place among the world's workers. It is the wish of THE EASTERN STAR that both pleasure and success await the young contestant.

The Mark Antony, of Emblem Chapter, Iowa, John W. Bixby, Worshipful Master of the Masonic Lodge in Corning, pays a loving tribute to the memory of Sister Mary A. Shiun, the beloved mother of Sister Orry H. Salts. We call the attention of our readers to the beautiful offering appearing in the gleanings from Iowa.

The Indianapolis Woman's Council was formed at the Propyleum Monday, Feb. 10. Thirty-two clubs have joined the Council, the officers being, President, Mrs. F. W. Chislett; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Henry Coburn; Recording Secretary, Miss Julia Moore; Treasurer, Mrs. E. C. Marmon. The prime object of the Council is to bring the women's clubs

into close relationship and to broaden the sympathy of the members.

Queen Esther Auxiliary held its first meeting in February with Sister McCord, and it was well attended and pleasant, but when the fourth Friday came and the meeting-place at Sister DeRuiters, more than two miles away, and the street-cars off duty, it was a question as to the number that would attend. But, as everybody thought that everybody else would stay at home, the result was most gratifying and nearly every member was present.

'Tis sweet to be remembered, and when from Butte, Montana, came the box of cake which accompanied the letter that appears in another column, the expression that has so often passed our lips with little meaning, found in its utterance not lip service alone, but a depth of meaning that must be experienced to be understood. Verily, ye brides, may the journey upon which ye have entered, be pleasant all along the way, and whether it be sunshine or shadow, may ye be found faithful each unto the other until death ye do part.

It is encouraging to know that college settlements in the slums of large cities are increasing. Some of the bright girl-graduates of Vassar and Wellesley, have renounced their claims to society and lives of ease, taken large tenement houses in the slum districts and go down there to live. They give evening entertainments, to which the persons of the community are invited to hear music and lectures. The influence of a good Christian civilized life outweigh the influence of a bad one, and now the college men are following the girl's example and going into the slums to live.

With the approach of spring comes the puzzling questions of house-furnishing. Know then that simplicity and harmony are the key-notes of good taste. Banish from the parlor the superfluous sets of curtains, reserving but one pair, which should hang in straight, graceful lines, and not in festoons with bows and ends. The parlor is not a millinery shop, neither is it a china closet, and cups and saucers belong in the dining-room china cabinet. Colors in the carpets, furniture and draperies, should harmonize with the colors in the wood-work and wall-paper. A little study of the matter of harmony will bring about great results in the matter of house-furnishing.

Sister A. G. Wilson, one of Queen Esther's members, on February 29, held an informal reception in honor of her eighteenth birthday. While seventy-two years have passed since first she saw the light, she has not been privileged to count as many natal days as the most of us. The day was exceedingly unpleasant, and the street-cars were tied up owing to the strike, which prevented many from

attending. The guests were received by her daughter, Sister Drummond, Past Matron of Queen Esther, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Wilson. She was remembered by many friends who emphasized the day by a gift, and from her sisters of Queen Esther Auxiliary, was sent a rocking-chair, which we hope she may be permitted to enjoy for many years to come.

From our sister jurisdiction of Ohio comes the "wail of sorrow," for the messenger who heeds not season, nor time, nor place, has invaded the household, and from its number has taken one of its brightest links. She who stood at the head of Pearl Chapter, No. 1, and when the Grand Chapter of Ohio was organized, was called to the highest place of honor, has passed from among us, and her voice is stilled. Sister Mattie E. Felton took leave of the earthly household February 16, and the husband and two loving daughters, who formed the home circle, are left to journey on without her companionship and sweet counsel. Yet a little while and the gates will swing outward, and one by one, all shall be gathered home. Those who had the pleasure of an acquaintance with her can but echo the sentiments expressed by Pearl Chapter in its resolutions of sympathy, and not only has Pearl Chapter and Ohio been bereft, but we all are touched by this sorrow.

It is pleasant to see the custom growing in our Order, of placing in the hands of the sisters positions of trust, and still greater the pleasure to know that the sisters are proving themselves both capable and worthy. If the Order exists for her benefit, she must be accorded the opportunity of doing that which will benefit her. The work of the Order is so divided that there need be no infringement. Very properly the work of organizing is placed in the hands of brothers, but all other work is left free for the sisters. Still, habit is so strong that not only the sisters distrust their own ability, but also the ability of other sisters, and it is yet, by far too common a practice that we find the brothers acting as installing officers, being placed as chairman of all important committees, etc. This is not the fault of the brothers, for in their various orders there is opportunity for development in this line, and they are ever ready to give advice and assistance if requested to do so. The feeling of confidence in our own and the ability of other sisters cannot, of course, be acquired at once, but practice alone makes perfect, and with every earnest endeavor to faithfully perform a duty will come greater strength.

Mr. Edmund Russell, a disciple of Delsarte, gave a series of lectures in Indianapolis recently on "Physical Culture, Dress and House Decorations." His talks serve to remind us that life contains art and beauty for every one if he will but work to obtain them. Beauty of body, he thinks, is but the reflection of a

kind disposition and a beautiful soul. In dress he advocates simplicity, but elegance, and the wearing of jewels upon public occasions if one possesses them. He claims that we can afford more pleasure to the poor by giving them a chance to see our fine clothes and jewels, than by locking up our diamonds in safes. He claims that Americans are too commercial and have become a tailor-made nation, appearing in tailor-made suits in the evening at the opera. In house decoration his ideas are good and practical, but none of which could not be obtained by reading any woman's magazine. Mr. Russell himself is the possessor of some very valuable jewelry, which he wears in the privacy of his own room. We wonder how many poor people are given a look at his treasures, or how many working girls are invited to his talks, without being asked to pay a dollar! Probably this side of the question has never presented itself to him.

The reaper whose name is death waits not to be hidden to enter, but heedless of the sorrow that his coming brings, culls the choice blossoms here and there, leaving only the memory of their fragrance with us. So came he into the home-nest of our brother, H. L. Stillson, Grand Secretary of Vermont, and wife, and bore in his outward going two sweet buds. Ruth K., the younger daughter, after an illness of three days fell asleep, and four days later her baby brother joined her. 'Tis never easy, nor are we ever ready to give into the embrace of this messenger our loved treasures, but when the household is bereft of two, and almost at the same call, it is peculiarly sad. Also, from Oregon, comes a strain of sadness, "little Ida Florence Lutke," the only nestling of the home nest was called to rest, and the sweet presence that gladdened the hearts of those to whom she was a joy and comfort, is theirs only in memory. Little Ida had counted but eleven years, and while her final illness was brief, her health had never been robust. Her bereaved mother is the Worthy Matron of Myrtle Chapter, Portland. The name and the circumstances call forth memories of a touch that left our household desolate, and makes it possible to send sympathy that speaks from experience. But ours is not a hopeless sorrow, for in Paradise, where no storms can blight, resting under His love, wait the blossoms that earth too rudely touched, and in their memory will we minister to His little ones here who need mother love, until some glad day we shall journey on to them.

Again I must beg the indulgence of the readers of THE EASTERN STAR for its late appearance, which I am sure will not be asked in vain. Ever since the publication of the paper, the work on it has been done by the Organizer Publishing Company, a company composed of the W. C. T. U. women of this State. For the past year, it has several times been late, and finding it impos-

sible to correct this annoyance, I have purchased material with which to dress it, when it pays you its monthly visits. I had just arranged for this change, when I unfortunately met with the accident, by which I am still deprived of the use of my right hand. Of course with this faithful and necessary member disabled, I have been, and am still unable to meet the demands upon me at maturity. Not only are my business interests delayed, but many letters that should receive attention are waiting, greatly to my regret. However, I hope that this will not be for much longer, but that in the near future, I may again be permitted to take up my duties with both hands, and with a heart truly thankful for my ability to do so. Every cloud has its silver lining, and the clouds that have hovered over my pathway during the few past years, have been silver-lined by the loving kindnesses of the members of this fraternal household. This latest burden has been lightened and brightened by gifts of word and deed, not only from my own Queen Esther, with whom I have worked to these twenty years, and who are ever faithful, but from far and near have come words of sympathy and material aid. While I do not desire to appropriate these columns for self-use, I cannot refrain from trespassing, in that the use of the pen is denied me, and saying to one and all, most heartily and sincerely, I thank you.

NETTIE RANSFORD.

PICKED UP BY THE WAYSIDE.

Now that most of us have but the happy memory of the "jingle" of the sleigh-bell, perhaps it will not be amiss to find out before we next hear it, the art of making the sleigh-bell. We are told by an iron founder of how the little iron ball, called the "jinglet," is too big to be put in through the holes in the ball, and yet it is inside. In making the bell the jinglet is put inside a little ball of mud, just the shape of the inside of the bell. Then a mold is made, just the shape of the outside of the bell. This mud ball with the jinglet inside, is placed in the mold of the outside, and the metal is poured in which fills up the space between the ball and the mold. When the mold is taken off, you see a sleigh-bell, but it will not ring, being full of dirt. The hot metal that the ball is made of, dries the dirt so it can be shaken out. After the dirt is all shaken out of the holes in the bell, the little iron jinglet will ring. How much its merry tinkling adds to the enjoyment of the sleigh-riders, and it is a question worthy of consideration whether or not sleigh-riding is worth while, minus the bells.

In a recent lecture delivered by Colonel Ingersoll in this city, he said the sublimest line in all literature was, "Love is not love that alters, when it alteration finds." That may sound well when he quotes it in his own eloquent fashion, but after a little thought one can scarce help but agree with the following

sentiments that the evening paper has on the subject: "True love is not for the mere bodily man or woman, but for the qualities of character which it is supposed the loved one possesses. If a man marries a woman, believing her to be virtuous, pure-minded, amiable, such as he would wish to be the mother of his children, and he finds that she is absolutely without these qualifications, it is impossible that the love unaltered should continue to exist. If a woman marries a man, thinking him to be possessed of high principles, the soul of honor, tender and true, and he proves to be dishonorable, unfaithful and brutal, sweet love is slain beyond all hope of resurrection. It is not to be expected that love will remain when all that brought it into being has forever perished. So long as women, under the misnomer of love, cling to the men who beat them, just so long will we have wife-beaters. The idea that love shall make no distinction between right and wrong, between purity and impurity, degrades a noble sentiment, and is neither healthful nor beautiful."

In a recent letter of Kate Douglas Wiggin, whose work is in free kindergartens, she voices some very true sentences when she says: "The ideal teacher of little children is not yet born; we have to struggle on as best we can without her. She needs the strength of a Vulcan and the delicacy of an Ariel; she needs a child's heart, a woman's heart, a mother's heart in one. She needs clear judgment and ready sympathy, strength of will, equal elasticity, keen insight, the buoyancy of hope, the serenity of faith, the tenderness of patience. The hope of the world lies in the children. When we are better mothers, when men are better fathers, there will be better children and a better world. The sooner we see the value of beginnings—that we can put bunglers and butchers anywhere else better than in the nursery, kindergarten and primary schools (there are no three places in the universe so big with fate!) the sooner we shall arrive at better results. I am afraid it is chiefly woman's work. The male genius of humanity begets the ideas of which each century has need (at least so it is said, and I have never had the courage to deny it or the time to look it up.) But the female genius, I am sure, has to help to work out the ideas, and to help is also to do the work of the world. I cannot see why Max O'Rell should have exclaimed with such unction a few nights ago that if he were to be born over again, he would choose to be an American woman. He never has tried being one. He doesn't realize that she has in hand the emancipation not only of the American woman, but the reformation of the American man, and the education of the American child as well. If that triangular mission does not keep her out of mischief and make her the angel of the twentieth century, she is a hopeless case!"

LILLIAN.

CLEANINGS.

ARKANSAS.

DEAR SISTER RANSFORD:—Once more I desire to send you a few items from the Southland. But first let me extend to you my deepest sympathy in your sad misfortune, and I feel satisfied that I echo the sentiment of every brother and sister throughout the Union, in wishing you a speedy recovery, and for every cross bravely borne an abundant and bright reward.

Our Order in Arkansas is not only in a flourishing condition, but is being welcomed in new fields. Already one new link has been formed for our now lengthy chapter chain. Bro. J. F. Mitchel, of Springtown, Benton Co., organized a chapter at that beautiful city on the 13th instant with thirty charter members. Sister E. R. Wasson will serve as W. M.; Bro. W. E. Garrett, W. P., and Sister Sarah Monlan, as A. M. They have taken the name of their home and will be known as Springtown Chapter.

From a letter of recent date from our G. M. Sister Ida M. Beloe, I learn that she expects ere long to visit Olive Chapter, at Jonesboro. Olive is an excellent working chapter, and I trust Sister Beloe will favor us with a full report of her visit. If nothing happens she will organize a new chapter while gone. Arkansas has every cause to feel proud of her Grand Matron and Grand Patron as well as their associates this year.

My home Chapter, Harrison, held a very pleasant meeting the 10th instant. Four were elected to receive the degrees, and four petitions were received. All enjoyed an excellent talk relative to the good of the Order, by Brother Frank Whitney, W. P., and also D. D. G. P. for the 16th District. Harrison Chapter will try to have something good to eat after closing next month, and would be glad to welcome any brother or sister who might happen this way. H. P.

COLORADO.

Queen City Chapter, Denver, has hardly gotten down to working order for the new year, but she will soon, that she may sustain her previous record for good work. March 4 a grand literary and musical, with a dance, will be given.

Glen Eyrie Chapter, Colorado City, on Feb. 12, were favored with a number of guests from Romona Chapter, accompanied by Bro. Baker, of Queen City. One candidate was initiated and the work was well done, the officers showing much proficiency. Bro. McCoch, W. P., is a host in himself.

Romona Chapter, Colorado Springs, held a very pleasant meeting Feb. 8. Two candidates were elected, and the work was exemplified by a substitute from Glen Eric Chapter. The officers, for the practice they have had, are doing well, and the W. P., Bro. Stubbs, when he becomes familiar with the work, will make a very efficient officer. Bro.

Baker, of Queen City Chapter, was among the visitors.

CONNECTICUT.

If there is anything in a name, the local branch of the Order of the Eastern Star has proved itself to have been most appropriately named by their very enjoyable meeting, for a more brilliant and Radiant affair can only be imagined. A large and representative gathering of the best families responded to the invitations of Radiant Chapter, Williamantic, to witness the installation of officers last evening. The meeting was called to order by W. M., Hattie L. Palmer. A musical selection by a quartet consisting of Mrs. Congdon, Miss Maloney and Messrs. Kibbe and Lawton, was then rendered. The installation ceremony was performed by P. G. M., Clarissa B. Curtiss, of Stratford, assisted by Emma Bullard of Williamantic, as G. M., and was beautifully and impressively rendered, both officers having thoroughly memorized the work. The hall was decorated with palms, potted plants and flowers from the conservatory of Mrs. Jennie E. Robinson. Mrs. Hattie L. Robinson was re-elected and installed W. M.; Dwight A. Lyman, W. P.; Mrs. Emir H. Hamlin, Sec. The installation was followed by a solo by William Kibbe, and addresses by Dwight A. Lyman and P. G. M., Mrs. Curtiss, which were well received. Mrs. Susan A. Fuller gave a history of the chapter, which was organized Feb. 27, 1874, and conducted by delegates from Pilsbury Chapter of Hartford. There were few brothers and sisters at that time, but the chapter has gained steadily, now numbering 76 sisters and 68 brothers, lost by death, 13; number initiated the past year, 17. After the closing ode all present were invited to the banquet-room where an elaborate and beautiful collation was spread. The meeting was successful affair, and the excellent selection of officers for the ensuing year is a guarantee that the reputation already gained by Radiant Chapter for active work will be carefully guarded and sustained by the present staff.

MARTHA.

IDAHO.

Ruth Chapter, Pocatello, Feb. 13, tendered a reception, under the direction of Sister J. M. Bennett, to its members and friends, and to say it was a success, but echoes the opinion of all who were privileged to attend. Short addresses, social converse, music and refreshments filled the evening with pleasure and made it one to be long remembered.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Savannah Chapter, Lehigh—one of the leading mining towns—lost their furniture and jewels by fire. The hall occupied by lodge and chapter was over the general store room of P. G. P. John Rennie an officer of the G. G. C., who lost his building with contents. Unfortunately his insurance was limited and the loss falls heavily upon him.

The village of Kullychaha, in the Choctaw Nation where Esther Chapter U. D. is established, was also nearly destroyed by fire.

Durant Chapter U. D. was instituted on the 16th inst. It is located at Durant, a station on the M. K. & T. R. R., in the southern portion of the Choctaw nation; and starts with a membership of twenty-three. O-ho-yo-hom-ma Chapter No. 1 at Atoka, sent some of their best workers to aid in setting the new chapter to work. P. G. P. Murrow has been appointed a general missionary to the Baptist churches in the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations and among the wild tribes farther west.

Under the auspices of the General Grand Commandery, Muscogee Commandery No. 1 K. T. was organized at Muscogee, on Dec. 28th., 1891. A number of members of Cœur De Lion at Parsons Kansas, the mother commandery, and many Sir Knights from various commanderies in Missouri assisted. Sixteen fraters were knighted.

ILLINOIS.

The officers of Ravenswood Chapter were installed January 7, by Sister M. Chester, A. G. C., assisted by Sister McClellen, W. M. of Queen Esther Chapter, as W. M. The officers are as follows: Margaret I. Sandes, W. M.; Charles W. Bassett, W. P.; Nina Brink, A. M.; Louisa M. Wood, Sec.; Mary Bassett, Treas.; Mary Truax, Con.; Helena Bursback, A. C.; Sister Addy, A.; Sister Martin, R.; Sister Howard, E.; Sister Gardner, M.; Sister Inwell, E.; George Ackley, Chap.; Eva Culver, War.; Brother Wandt, Sen.; Edward Howard, Org. After the installation, the guests repaired to the banquet-room where ample justice was done to the tempting viands prepared by the sisters. This chapter is in its infancy, having been organized just prior to the meeting of the Grand Chapter. The members have given two parties since November, which have been successful both socially and financially. Quite a number of visitors from other chapters were present.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—If you will allow me space in your Illinois items I should like to give an account of a delightful evening spent in Mattoon. In response to an invitation from Adah Chapter, warmly seconded by its W. M., Sister Sopha C. Scott, P. G. M., quite a number of Grand and Deputy Grand Officers with P. M's., took their respective trains on the afternoon of Feb. 16, and were soon in the city of Mattoon, where we were met by kind faces and warm Eastern Star greetings and escorted to the hospitable home of Sister Scott. The hours sped rapidly in meetings and greetings of old and new friends until the hour of luncheon. I wish I might itemize that delicious lunch for you, but since you could not participate in its disappearance I shall not aggravate your palate by a minute description: We repaired to the chapter-room at the usual hour where we found many more added to our number. We were favored with the complete work by the new officers, who acquitted themselves easily, gracefully and thoroughly. Sister Nellie Campbell, G. Org., was installed by the G. M., Sister Ricketts, and was received with Grand honors. Quite a little time was then occupied in

some interesting speeches, the G. M. giving us a touching and earnest talk. At the close, Brother Hall, in poetic style, presented the G. M. with a lovely basket of flowers in behalf of the chapter. At the command of the Master of Ceremonies, Brother Faugau, by twos we were conducted to the banquet-room, and were feasted again in a royal manner, while in the back part of the room two guitars and mandolins cheered us with their soft, sweet music. At the hour of midnight our train blew its warning whistle and we were compelled to say good bye, with the warmest wishes and kindest memories of Adah Chapter and her splendid corps of officers.

NETTIE C. KENNER.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—I have much pleasure in reporting.—Jan. 28, visited Golden Rod Chapter, U. D., which was started without any notice to me, in this city, found a fine chapter presided over by Sister M. D. Magee, W. M., one of the original members of Miriam, and a devoted corps of officers, and enthusiastic membership. I found them quite familiar with the work, showing earnest work, and gave them such instruction as was needed, enjoying a thoroughly pleasant evening.

Feb. 11, by invitation, installed the officers of Austin Chapter, the meeting being public, a large attendance of outsiders added to the interest of the event, and choice vocal and instrumental selections interspersed with recitation made a pleasant evening. Sister Haggan, W. M.; Bro. Howels, W. P.; Sister Bartetun, A. M. I was assisted by Sister Carson, W. M. of Butler, as G. Mar., and Bro. Stanbrook, P. P. of Lake View, as G. Chap.

Feb. 5, visited Elgin and assisted in organizing a chapter there, which resulted in a meeting on the 24th, and 77 signers to the petition. Agnes M. Lowrie, W. M.; N. D. Stilson, W. P.; Frances Frayn, A. M. The chapter will be instituted March 5, with 77 charter members.

Feb. 6, attended a preliminary meeting at Mizpah Lodge, for the purpose of forming a chapter. Thirty-eight enthusiastic attendants chose Columbia as the name, and the 25th as the time of instituting.

Feb. 12, installed the officers of Lady Garfield, assisted by Sister Sandes, W. M. of Ravenswood, as G. Mar., and Bro. Gillespie, of Auburn Park, as G. Chap. A goodly turnout and pleasant greeting, followed by a nice banquet, to which we did ample justice. Sister Marsh brought out a beautiful bouquet and presented it to me on behalf of the chapter, and wishing me many happy returns, it being my birthday. I felt thankful that I was still alive.

Feb. 18, attended a preliminary meeting of Normal Park members, who formed a chapter under the name of Normal Park, with 56 signers to the petition. It will be instituted March 1.

Feb. 25. In accordance with invitations sent out, I instituted Columbia Chapter. As my pet idea has always to make these offi-

cers as general as possible, and thoroughly representative, I carried out my plan. Bro. Winship did the work of institution, assisted by Harriet R. Port, W. M. of Olive, as Mar., and Margaret Sandes, W. M. of Ravenswood, as Sec., and Sister McLennan, A. M. of Forestville, as Chap. Some 30 additional petitions were received and balloted for by special dispensation. In accordance with the orders of the W. G. M., I then assumed the charge of instructing the chapter in the ritual work of the Order. I called to my assistance the W. M.'s and W. P.'s of the chartered chapters in my jurisdiction to exemplify the work as follows: Lizzie U. Winship, D. G. M. 1st Dist., W. M.; Nellie Munroe, W. M. Lady Washington, A. M.; J. S. Crane, W. P. Auburn Park, and Geo. Howison, W. P. Miriam, W. P.; Margaret Sandes, W. M. Ravenswood, Sec.; Lizzie Kiltie, W. M. Chicago, Treas.; Jennie McClellan, W. M. Queen Esther, Con.; Emma Ahlschlager, W. M. Maple, A. C.; Minnie Petrie, W. M. Macy, A.; Amelia Gillespie, W. M. Auburn Park, R.; Alice B. Carson, W. M. Butler, E.; Sarah B. Haggan, W. M. Austin, M.; Mary A. Webb, W. M. Siloam, E.; Katie Keck, W. M. Lake View, War.; Sister McLennan, A. M. Forestville, Chap.; Harriet R. Port, W. M. Olive, Mar.; Bro. Robbins, of Maple, Org.; Lizzie T. Winship, Chicago, Sen. The chapter was opened in ample form, and a verse of "Blest be the tie that binds," was sung with fervor. The chapter opened, Sister Mate L. Chester, A. G. C., and Esther E. Hawley, D. G. M. 2nd Dist., were escorted to the East and received with grand honors. Work being in order the entire class of candidates were admitted and obligated, Sister Chester officiating as Matron, and Bro. Crane, as Patron. After the obligation two candidates were initiated, Sister Hawley officiating as W. M., and Bro. Howison, as W. P. Work ended, I resumed the East and closed the chapter, the officers being seated in their stations. The entire work was performed without a flaw—each W. M. feeling the credit of her chapter was at stake, did her part with a precision that left no room for criticism. I had hoped the affair would be successful, but the result exceeded my most sanguine expectations. When all did the best that could be done, no one could be said to have excelled. The unanimous opinion was that it was the grandest success ever attained in the O. E. S., and all were anxious for a repetition. A large attendance of visitors added to the enjoyment. Everybody was then invited to the banquet-room, where a delightful collation was served, and edibles and hilarity reigned supreme, terminating a most enjoyable evening, and one to which I shall ever look back with feeling of pleasure and gratitude to those noble Worthy Matron's and Patron's who so ably assisted me in the pleasant privileges of the work.

LIZZIE U. WINSHIP, D. G. M. 1st Dist.

INDIANA.

Evening Star Chapter, Rensselaer, is improving in work and attendance. At the last

stated meeting one candidate was initiated, and seven were elected to receive the degrees.

Muncie Chapter, at its last meeting, initiated three candidates. It has provided itself with officers' jewels and floor star. The year opens with the promise of pleasure and prosperity.

Rocky Dale Chapter, Williamsport, was organized last March with 19 members, and now number 30. Sickness and removals have somewhat interfered with the work and the growth but the hope is that very soon all obstacles will be overcome.

Harmony Chapter, Garrett, did initiatory work the first meeting after installation without the aid of rituals. Although this chapter is not so large in membership, it is harmonious and earnest in the work. Sister Thomson is re-elected W. M.

Windfall Chapter held a public installation jointly with the Blue Lodge, after which refreshments were served and the evening spent socially. The officers are: E. J. Vice, W. M.; A. Riffe, W. P.; Susan Gifford, A. M.; Sarah Riffe, Sec.; Sinday Miller, Treas.

Floral Chapter, Huntington, is thinking of organizing a club. The officers were installed by Erwin Wright, assisted by May Mitchell, of Roanoke Chapter, they are: L. V. Wright, W. M.; T. P. Perry, W. P.; Eliza Richer, A. M.; S. A. Hildebrand, Sec.; F. C. Bratton, Treas.

Lake Michigan Chapter, Michigan City, has suffered the loss of another link from its chain, by the death of Hattie Besckling. Her death was particularly sad, as she had gone south in search of health, and passed away among strangers, save the presence of her father and mother. In their bereavement they have the sincere sympathy of many who have drank of the same cup.

Rob Morris Chapter, Evansville, is in good condition; the members are taking more interest than ever in the work, and the officers are earnest. They are: Jennie Myerhoff, W. M.; Thos. Walker, W. P.; Sarah George, A. M.; Leile Hollingsworth, Sec.; Nannie Lyon, Treas.; Dora Walker, Con.; Kathryn Fenn, A. C.; Amelia Christ, A.; Lisettie King, R.; Nellie McCutchan, Es.; Francis C. Mayher, M.; Mary E. Chubb, E.; Susan Power, War.; Bertha Uhle, Org.; Louis Schmitz, Sen.; George Goodge, Chap.

Jan. 11, Ivy Chapter, North Manchester, held joint installation with the Royal Arch Chapter and Blue Lodge. There was a good attendance of Masons, their families and friends. After installation there was a program. Music by a home orchestra, songs, short speech, by Rev. Marble, followed by a pleasant address by the W. M. A social good time was had. The officers were installed by E. M. Rager assisted by Sister Summerland. Della Sheller, W. M.; E. M. Rager, W. P.; Mellie Dunbar, A. M.; Laura Ginther, Sec.; Laura Lower, Treas.; Mollie Oppenheimer, Con.; Cassy Forest, A. C.; Nettie Boyer, A.; Sarah Hulter, R.; Mary Thomas, E.; Mrs. Lowman,

M.; Ella Rhodes, E.; Sada Beakly, War.; H. C. Whillon, Sen. Since our installation we have had two regular meetings for practice. At our second regular meeting we were treated to maple taffy. All enjoyed it very much, except those wearing store teeth. At our called meeting I am glad to say the new officers were able to do the work without the use of the ritual. We have made some improvements in our room in the way of new chairs for the points of the star. M. E. T.

Sister Ransford's scolding has taken such an effect, that I have determined to write you a little something concerning our method of celebrating the birthday's of our sisters in Orient Club, Laporte. They began by celebrating the natal day of your humble servant, she being at that time W. M. of Orient Chapter. It was such a great success that since the 12th. of last August we have celebrated the birthday's of our sisters as fast as they occurred, having two and three, sometimes as many as four each month. The plan is that all those whose birthday occurs in the same month, meet at the home of one of the number (the place to be decided by lot) and those who attend carry refreshments. Two sisters are appointed by the President to make out the menu and distribute the slips. These two sisters have the affair in charge and serve the company, so you see the work does not fall on one or two. Each one is expected to furnish what the slip calls for, and if she is unable to attend, she must send it, as we depend on her, and take no excuse except in the case of sickness. A celebration of this kind was held at the residence of Sister S. E. Taylor, on the 16th of February, to celebrate the birthday's of Sisters Taylor, Beal and Zerner. The ladies assembled at two, and the afternoon was delightfully spent in conversation, until time for refreshments, when a choice repast was partaken of. The rooms were beautifully decorated with choice potted plants and flowers, and everything was done to make the occasion a pleasant and happy one. After spending a most enjoyable afternoon the party broke up between six and seven, all declaring this (as we do every one) the most perfect one of the season. You cannot imagine what a vein of good feeling these gatherings have created; made us more sociable in both chapter and club, and seems to bring us nearer together. I feel sure if the auxiliaries throughout the State would adopt this plan the result would be very gratifying to them, and that they would hail with delight the approach of the birthdays.

J. T. N.

IOWA.

Mystic Star Chapter, Norway, held its installation on the evening following the election, after which a banquet was served. Susie Brown, W. M.; Jay Robertson, W. P.; Belle Buchanan, A. M.; Isabelle Springer, Sec.; Jennie Elerston, Treas.; Flora Marville, C.; Josie Springer, A. C.

Feb. 2, Harmony Chapter, Council Bluffs, held a special meeting for the purpose of ini-

tiation, which was followed by supper in the dining-hall, and a general good time afterwards in the parlors. With the exception of the W. P., War. and Sen., each officer held a new position, but each one had committed her part, and the work was done in a very creditable manner without rituals, and was highly commended by visitors from Vesta Chapter, Omaha.

The G. M. visited Newton Chapter, by appointment at a special meeting, Feb. 23. This is one of the banner chapters of the State, earnest, zealous members, bright officers and beautiful furnishings for chapter-room, parlors, dining-room and kitchen—the latter showing evidence of a careful and cleanly janitor—all tend to make the chapter one that it is a pleasure to visit. The work was rendered almost without rituals or mistakes. Delia Meredith, W. M.; H. S. Winslow, W. P.; O. N. Wagley, Sec.

Jan. 25, the G. M. met by appointment at a special meeting, with Rose of Sharon Chapter, Colfax. Though this chapter has been taking a slight rest, it bids fair this year to arouse itself to its former activity. Considering that the officers were almost all new to their present positions, the work was very well rendered. The young wife of the Secretary was initiated, and henceforth the plea "I have married a wife and cannot come," will not hold good with Bro. Cragan. While enjoying the banquet which followed, all seemed anxious to take up the work with renewed zeal. Sister M. Marsh, W. M.; Z. K. French, W. P.; C. E. Cragan, Sec.

Feb. 19, Valley Chapter, at Missouri Valley, had a visit from the Grand Matron. She found them in a fairly good condition, but would like to see more interest taken in the chapter by the brothers of the Order. The W. P., D. M. Harris, the veteran newspaper man, and good old stand-by of the Eastern Star, was prevented by sickness from attending the chapter. The work was exemplified in a very creditable manner, and the G. M.'s suggestions accepted in the spirit in which they were offered. This chapter has very pretty robes for the heroines, and also for the lady candidates. Refreshments were served, and a social time enjoyed at the close of the work.

Jan. 28, the G. M. met with Des Moines Chapter at its regular meeting. The work was nicely exemplified, but the officers being almost all new ones, there were more rituals in sight than is desirable; this however, they promised should not continue, and as they are bright members, with a beautiful hall for their work, they will doubtless soon equal the best chapters in the State. It is at this place the Grand Chapter will meet next September, and the members are already talking up what shall be done on that occasion. Whatever is done will no doubt be first-class. The evening closed pleasantly with refreshments and social converse. Sister C. L. Smith, W. M.; A. J. Small, W. P.; Hattie L. Prothro, Sec.

Feb. 16, at the invitation and expense of Oak Chapter, Red Oak, the G. M. visited that chapter, and found it one of the best she has visited, in fact it was the first one she has seen to do the work entirely without a ritual, though several have come closely to that desirable condition. Ruth was a pro tem officer, but had committed the work during the day or two previous. The Floral Work was given for the first time, followed by the marches suggested at the close of that work, after which the chapter adjourned to the dining-hall where an elegant repast was served. Oak Chapter is composed of the very best and brightest people of the town; they are contemplating celebrating their first anniversary March 14. The principal officers are: Ella L. Houghton, W. M.; E. Bretchmer, W. P.; Josephine Marshall, A. M.; Letta Bretchmer, Sec.

Villisca. Our chain is being lengthened by a number of the good and true hereabouts, and by the grace of our great brotherhood, we have a delightful society home in the elegant Masonic Hall in this city. We had planned a joint installation of officers with the Blue Lodge. The Masons had invited Thos. George, one of the brightest Masons in the State, to initiate their officers, and we had invited A. J. Salts, G. P., to initiate our officers. In the early morning of the day named, death, with his icy finger, touched the tender heart of Sister Mary Redmon, loved wife of the venerable and zealous Mason, S. H. Redmon, and mother of our bright and graceful sister, Mary E. Smith, A. M. In consequence our installations were postponed. Many sorrows for this mother in Israel. But we know she is at rest, just over there, awaiting the coming of loved ones. Flora Preston again presides in the East, with all her usual strength and dignity, while W. M. Stoddard sits at her left, seemingly happy that he is but the second officer in our chapter. I am quite positive that he does not aspire to the first station. Do you brother? THE EASTERN STAR comes regularly to a few of us, but I ardently wish that more of the craft took the little paper.

Emblem Chapter, Corning.—The death angel has again entered our Chapter-room and took from among us our venerable Sister, Mary A. Shinn—the revered mother of our Associate Matron, Mrs. Orry H. Salts, and Conductress, Miss Mamie Shinn. Mother Shinn, died Jan. 23, at her home in this city, surrounded by six of her grown-up children—one in Denver, could not reach home in time. Her passing out was as peaceful as if going to sleep. The chapter conducted the funeral service being lead by the Rev. Dr. Hanna, W. P. Mother Shinn, dearly loved the Order, and was among the first members of Emblem Chapter. It was her wish to be "laid away" by the Order. Sister Barry, P. M. of Queen City Chapter, Denver, Col., will never know the comfort and joy her call gave beloved invalid Sister Shinn, during her late visit to the mountains in quest of health.

Do so again, Sister Barry, sow such "seeds of kindness" for others that may come your way, the fruitage will be bounteous. At the last stated meeting, Jan. 16, Emblem Chapter installed officers: Martha R. Pergrine, W. M.; Rev. Dr. J. T. Hanna, W. P.; Orry H. Salts, A. M.; Mary C. Hanna, Sec. A. J. Salts installed the officers, and John W. Bixby, Warden of the Blue Lodge was G. Mar. Two petitions were received, one was elected to receive the degrees. An elegant luncheon was served by the Electa group. The Worthy Matron has appointed five groups of five members each and they are named after the five points of the star. It is the duty of each group to serve in turn at the chapter meetings, providing refreshments, entertainment, or in furthering the benevolent work. The chapter is looking forward with anticipations of pleasure to a visit from the grand matron, Maria Jackson. The following resolutions were offered by Worshipful Master John W. Bixby, and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Supreme Ruler of the universe to take from our number our beloved sister, Mrs. Mary A. Shinn, thereby transferring her from this earthly chapter to that Grand Chapter above, therefore be it

Resolved, That Emblem Chapter adopt as a fitting expression of the sentiment of the members of this Chapter, the following in memoriam: The death of Mrs. Mary A. Shinn, one of our members is the second missing link in the golden chain binding together the sisterhood of the Emblem Chapter. Words, however rich the tribute, can not give true outline or color to her character as it will ever be pictured in our memories. Her life was a heroic poem, giving inspiration as we read its lines and sorrow as we close the volume.

Yet the poem is not finished, though the human book is closed. The link is missing, not broken. The darker the cloud, the brighter the star. Somehow, somewhere, sometime, we shall all be initiated into those greatest mysteries which she has entered but a little before. She will be our charter member there, ready to greet us with the friendly grasp. In this, our great sorrow, faith points us to our last and greatest joy. While we encircle with tender sympathy the the ended fireside. Let us all look to the Great Author for the joy of the unfinished song; let us follow the golden chain to the great rock where the missing link is now secure; let us look up from the flickering ember of the fireside to the never fading star beyond.

Resolved, That the foregoing tribute be spread upon the records of this chapter, and that a copy thereof be furnished the family of the deceased.

KANSAS.

The officers of Osborne Chapter are doing the work very nicely and the meetings are pleasant and well attended.

A pleasant chapter was organized Jan. 6, by Grand Patron, T. K. McFarland, at Columbus, Pursel, U. D., with Harriet W. Allen, W. M.; T. B. Rood, W. P.; Amelia Abbott, A. M.; Edith Schmidt, Sec.

Queen Bess Chapter gave a very pleasant and enjoyable banquet, thus replenishing their piano fund, which they hope soon to have. At their last meeting they initiated three

candidates with two more for their next meeting.

Mendias Chapter, Kansas City, Feb. 11, initiated three candidates, and the work was beautifully done without the aid of rituals. Flowers of appropriate color were presented the candidates. Feb. 18, a grab-bag social was held which was a social and financial success.

Abilene Chapter, U. D., Abilene, was organized Jan. 22, by the very efficient W. M. of Esther Chapter, Mary E. Lapham; this being a great Masonic town, it bids fair to become one of our best chapters. Mary A. Stoother, W. M.; John Jolnitz, W. P.; Ruth Spangler, A. M.; Ida W. Moore, Sec.

Our esteemed sister, Mrs. K. F. Maury, W. M. of Acacia Chapter, Hutchinson, is bereaved by the death of her son, Mr. O. G. Maury, whose death was occasioned by consumption, the result of la grippe. In her sorrow our sister has the sympathy of the members, not only of her own, but of other jurisdictions.

Olive Chapter, Fort Scott, at its first regular meeting in February, initiated five candidates, one of whom was the Master of the Blue Lodge. It was the first work of the new officers and it was very nicely rendered, receiving well deserved compliments from the newly made members. A banquet followed and the evening most pleasantly spent.

Brookville Chapter Brookville, was organized Feb. 16. Carrie I. Titus, W. M.; Banson, B. Ingraham, W. P.; Mamie Gentry, A. M.; Sarah Daugherty, Sec. This chapter was organized by Sister Ermstein Deuiroth, W. M. from Wilson. She was most ably assisted by a number from Salina, of Harmony. The work was beautifully and impressively rendered; Sister Deuiroth deserves great credit for faithful and efficient work.

Kansas is all turning to "gold," no doubt from our beautiful fall the prairies are truly one beautiful golden sea of lovely flowers, and from our last glimpse of its beauty we find the Golden Lily Chapter in the pretty little city of Ellis, Bro. John Hammond, the W. P. from Bunker Hill, organized this chapter on Feb. 11. Mary M. Aldrich, W. M.; A. W. Whelan, W. P.; Mary E. McFarland, A. M.; Frank C. Shoemaker, Sec.

Ivy Leaf Chapter, Wichita, held a very full meeting on the 16th. This chapter is progressing finely. Received four new petitions,

electad one and gave the degrees to three. After the business of the evening the chapter was served a fine luncheon, provided by Sisters Saur, Smyth and Tracy. Having a light lunch at each meeting, served by a committee of three or four, has proved a great success, makes the evening lively and encourages sociability and insures a good turnout.

Feb. 10, Golden Cross Chapter was organized at Fall River. This chapter would have been organized earlier only for the severity of the scarlet fever. However, after the sorrow of this dread disease, they were duly organized by the energy of the Matron of Queen Bess, of Eureka, Ellen A. Kenner. This chapter was always noted for its intelligent and energetic members. Golden Cross has for its officers Ida J. Romig, W. M.; G. W. Dowart, W. P.; Josie Butler, A. M.; S. M. Butler, Sec.

The G. M., Sister Eudora E. Hall has recently visited Fern Chapter, Mulrane, and although it is only four months old the officers have the work nearly all memorized, and the members are very earnest. Feb. 3, Elizabeth Richmond Chapter, South Haven was visited and was found to be striving for success. Feb. 4, she visited Estelle Chapter, Oxford, but she found this chapter sorrowing because of the sickness and deaths among the members. May health and sunshine soon return to them. At each and all, the G. M. was received with open handed welcome.

Woodbine Chapter, Douglas, is called to mourn the loss of one of its faithful number.

WHEREAS, The grim reaper death has visited our chapter, and taken a link from our golden chain, by the removal of Sister Minnie Mark, who died Jan. 6, aged 41 years:

Resolved, That in the death of Sister Minnie Mark, the chapter laments the loss of one who was ever ready to offer the hand of aid and voice of sympathy to the fraternity. An active member of the society, whose utmost endeavors were exerted for its welfare and prosperity.

Resolved, That the heartfelt sympathy of this chapter be extended to the relations and friends of the deceased.

MR. H. F. HORNADAY,
MRS. C. C. THOMPSON,
MRS. J. G. MITCHELL, } Com.

Miriam Chapter, Emporia, held a delightful social and banquet in honor of Brother and Sister Snediker, who are about to enjoy the pleasure of a new home in Chicago, Ill. Sister Snediker presented the chapter with an Oxford hand Bible upon their leaving. She leaves vacant the first point of our Star, which

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7th. About ten years ago the Burlington Route was completed to the Rocky Mountains with terminus at Denver, Colorado. Since that time it has steadily increased its hold on Denver business, until to-day on account of its splendid train service and roadbed, and the prosperous country through which it runs, it has distanced all competitors in the great strife for Rocky Mountain business.

8th. The Burlington Road has two grand main lines nearly to Denver, both lines uniting at Oxford, Nebraska, en route to the West. In detail it has a line starting from Chicago and Peoria, through the richest portions of Illinois and Iowa, thence via Omaha and Lincoln, Nebraska to Denver. Another line is the trunk line from St. Louis via Kansas City and St. Joseph through Southern Nebraska to Denver.

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15th. At this early date it is impossible to quote rates, but it suggests that steps be taken early in '92 to secure reduced rates from the railroads, in order that that element of uncertainty can be eliminated. The rate once settled, the number of excursionists is more closely and the extent of our obligations more definitely known. The chances are that many hundreds will continue their pilgrimage to the Pacific Coast, and this feature of the excursion rate should be borne in mind. The Burlington Route having lines from Chicago through Omaha to Denver, and from St. Louis through Kansas City, and St. Joe to Denver, has been able on all forms of excursion business heretofore to send passengers via one route and return them via another. This arrangement on California business permits it to ticket by any of the Missouri River gate-ways and return either through these gate-ways or via Paul or vice versa. Having its own lines, it is thus able to do this in a systematic and convenient manner.

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BEAUTIFUL SUNLIGHT.

Beautiful sunlight! It falls on the land,
Gilding and tinting with a fairy-like hand;
It touches the darkness, night's shades pass away,
And, in wondrous beauty, it reveals the new day.

Beautiful sunlight! it comes to the stream,
Fettered and bound by the winter's cold dream;
It touches its bands with the warmth of its ray,
And the murmuring streamlet pursues its glad way.

Beautiful sunlight! 'tis a life-giving power,
Which gives form and fragrance to each bright bloom-
ing flower:

It covers the hills with a mantle of green,
And in the fair vales the same verdure is seen.

Beautiful sunlight! in the palace 'tis seen,
As through rich colored transoms its soften'd rays gleam
O'er painting and sculpture, and tapestry rare;
Yes, the touch of its magical wand is found there.

Beautiful sunlight! its bright beams doth shine
O'er the cot where the rose and the woodbine entwine,
It brings to the home-life its spirit of cheer,
And its presence is felt in the loved circle there.

Beautiful sunlight! it is seen everywhere,
It silvers the river with its bright shiny glare;
O'er orchard's ripe fruitage, in the meadow-land fair,
And e'en in the dim woodland—we find its light there.
—Miss T. A. Jacobs.

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A QUEER EXPERIMENT.

Mrs. Deering was in a terrible stew. As she expressed it, everything was at "sixes and sevens." Mrs. Deering, to tell the truth, had a very quick, hot temper, that blazed up, lasted for about half an hour, and then went out immediately. It was always during the half-hour of anger, that she drew down upon herself some calamity. This morning she had scolded the cook vigorously, and an hour later, found herself minus that useful article. She kept but the one servant, and being somewhat of an invalid was left helpless.

The door-bell rang; and Mrs. Deering took her handkerchief from her eyes, and rose with a sigh to answer the door. There was a driving rain, and the wind swept over the pine-grown lawn with a subdued roar. A tall woman stood sharply outlined against the gray sky back of her.

"Madam," she said, "I have been overtaken

by the storm, and am forced to ask you to give me temporary shelter."

Mrs. Deering possessed a kind heart and she threw the door wide open and bade the stranger enter. She placed the low rocker before the grate in the sitting-room, and dropped into the arm-chair opposite. Any sort of visitor was welcome this dreary day when her heart was so full of grievances.

The stranger sank wearily into the chair. Her face looked white and thin; and her black dress and wrap were badly worn. She was evidently a woman who was used to many hardships. The dark eyes looked sunken and there were heavy lines around the thin lips. Mrs. Deering's heart filled with pity as she looked at the dejected attitude of the stranger, and she began a conversation filled with sympathetic inquiries, to which the stranger replied in a low, weary tone.

After the warmth and a cup of hot tea had cheered her a little, she told her story simply and directly. She was a book agent. Had come from the large city to canvass the smaller town; having only arrived the night before. Then as Mrs. Deering became interested, she threw off her reserve, and told how hard and discouraging it all was. The exposure in all sorts of weather, the insults and rebuffs, how her heart often ached for lack of sympathy. She seemed like a refined woman, and Mrs. Deering poured forth her own troubles, when the other had finished.

"No woman on earth was ever kinder to her servants than I," she said, "and yet no woman ever had such bad luck with them. I have had four in the past month. My sons are grown and my work is not hard. I paid my cook twenty dollars a month and hired the washing done. I can't get one of them to stay because we live so far outside the town. I am nearly crazy with them all."

"Twenty dollars a month and one's board is a great deal to me," said the stranger—"I am almost tempted to apply for the place myself."

Then she looked wistfully at Mrs. Deering. "You do not know the temptation it is to me," she said slowly, "To stay in the house

and work. I have always loved house-work, but have felt it a degradation to work in some other woman's kitchen. Now, however, I feel that a good home, and the chance of staying in from the world is worth everything to me. I am so tired of tramping in all sorts of weather."

Mrs. Deering scanned the stranger carefully. She might be an impostor; but Mrs. Deering was in desperate straits.

"I can see no harm in trying the experiment," she said. "We might try it for a week, say; and then if either of us became dissatisfied we can say so."

The stranger gave a queer little laugh, but her lips trembled. "There goes my pride and ambition," she said—"but I will stay if you'll let me."

Mrs. Deering felt a load lifted from her mind. To have a girl leave you, and to have one come right to your door immediately was cause for rejoicing. The whole occurrence was out of the ordinary; but that only made it more interesting.

So the bargain was made, Mrs. Deering agreed to hire Miss Burton (for that was her name) to take charge of her housework, paying her \$4 a week if she proved satisfactory.

Miss Burton was thoroughly earnest in all she did; and having changed her occupation to that of a domestic, she determined to become a first-class one. That evening found her domiciled beneath Mrs. Deering's roof. Mrs. Deering was ashamed to put a lady in the little back room filled with odd pieces of broken furniture, which she had considered plenty good enough for her cook, but which she disliked to have Miss Burton see.

Miss Burton smiled as Mrs. Deering led the way to a comfortable room. "If this is being a servant," she thought, "I am better off than before, for I never had a room like this in all my boarding."

The next morning, under Mrs. Deering's supervision, Miss Burton made a careful overhauling of the kitchen. Affairs were in a very bad state here. Delicate china and tin cooking utensils were piled promiscuously in the cupboards; fine napkins had been used for

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A SUMMER MISSION.

Ione Elliott was doing her spring shopping. It was a pleasant task for her; for she was young, rich, and handsome, and loved to linger over the dainty fabrics. Then too, she never felt her own importance quite so much as when shopping. From the moment her carriage stopped at the curb, and her coachman opened the door with a profound bow, and in the store where the proprietors, floor-walkers, and clerks were all respectful attention, anticipating her every wish, she felt how grand it was to be rich.

To-day as she bent over the rich laces, she noticed how worn and pale the girl clerk looked, and what an annoying cough she had. As she turned her back to the counter and awaited her change, she overheard a conversation between the clerks.

"You should go away Jo," said one, "or the first thing you know you will break down completely."

Jo's answer came with weary pathos. "If I should go away," she said, "who would pay the expenses at home? I would miss two week's salary here, my expenses would go on at home just the same, and I should have to pay railroad fare and board while away. I have enough saved to pay the expenses at home for two weeks, but I should never get enough to go away. It would be far cheaper to die, than to go away."

"If I was rich," said Jo's companion, "I'd have a big house in the country where clerks and other girls who have to work, could go and rest in the summer, and I'd board them for nothing. You'd be the first one to go Jo."

A smile came into Jo's pale face. "You are always full of schemes Annie," she said. "I hope some day you will be rich enough to try them."

Then Miss Elliott's change came; and she heard no more.

She looked around her at the other clerks. They all looked tired-out, but she was surprised to see how many there were who looked actually sick.

She felt ashamed as she stepped in her coupe and was driven along through the spring sunshine. She studied the face of each working-girl whom she passed, and saw written therein the same story of hard work and weariness.

"To think I have nothing on earth to do but amuse myself," she thought, "and they cannot spare two weeks in which to rest. It hardly seems just."

She was very quiet as she sat before the fire-place in the library awaiting the summons to dinner, and her Aunt Margaret being a wise woman, left her to her thoughts. She knew that Ione was studying over something of more than ordinary importance; and also that when the proper time came, Ione would tell her the result of her thoughts.

Ione was very quiet at dinner; and ate scarcely anything. After the meal was over, and she and Aunt Margaret were again in the

library, she sat on a low stool at her auntie's feet, and said:

"Auntie, dear, I have a plan which I know will interest you as it does me, and I want your help. I am rich, and have never done anything with my money except to spend it upon myself. To-day I learned that there are lots of young girls who are obliged to work to support themselves and others; who cannot save money enough to take even a week's vacation. Some of them are sick enough to be in bed, and it makes my heart ache to see them suffering for a little rest."

"I know it is very sad, Ione dear," said Aunt Margaret, "but what can you do?"

"I hardly know as yet, but I must do something. What I have been thinking of, is this: You know among the property which father left me, is a large house in Kent right by the sea. Now why can't we go down there, you and I, and see what sort of a place it is. If it will do at all, I should love to fix it up, put some reliable woman in charge, and allow some of these girls to spend their vacations there, without cost."

"I do not know Ione," said Aunt Margaret, "how such a plan would work; but I will go with you to see the place, and see what we can do."

The more Ione and her aunt talked over the plan the more interested and enthusiastic they became. If the house could be utilized, they determined to fix it up so that at least a few girls could go there and spend from one to four weeks of their vacation with no expense.

"We will have a garden, a cow and chickens," said Ione, "so it will not cost much for food, the house costs me nothing—so I am positive I can do it."

A visit to Kent showed the house to be a large, old-fashioned one in the midst of two acres of grounds. A broad hall ran through the center with two rooms on each side and a long kitchen across the back. Upstairs there were five bed-rooms. The yard was full of trees, and a path at the back led down to the sea.

No one lived in the house, and there was a great need of repairing. Soon the carpenters were at work, and the yard was cleared of rubbish. Ione flitted back and forth watching the work, and busy buying simple furniture for the large rooms.

The two fair philanthropists were somewhat puzzled as to getting the girls for their house. Ione was not long in making the acquaintance of Joe at the lace counter, and of several other clerks. She did not know just how to broach the subject to Jo, who was daily growing thinner, but she waited for Annie one evening and told her of the plan. Annie proved a most enthusiastic friend.

"It is lovely," she exclaimed, "just what I always wanted to do myself. Of course the girls will want to do something to repay you though. We none of us like to feel like objects of charity."

"That is just what I don't want," said Ione.

"I want this to be a place where the girls who need it, can spend their vacations without paying board. They need the country air and rest. Beyond keeping their rooms in order there is nothing for them to do."

Annie unfolded the plan to several of the girls, and was careful to explain that Miss Elliott simply wished them to regard staying at the Pines (as the house was called) as a visit to her.

It was the middle of May when the Pines was ready for the visitors. Ione found a worthy couple among her city acquaintances who were glad to take charge of the place.

Jo, who had obtained a leave of absence, and three other girls were the first visitors.

What a treat it was to the girls who had been shut up in offices and stores. The large yard was full of flowers, and there were hammocks out under the trees. The food was strengthening and delicious, and the salt sea air acted as a tonic. Then at night instead of close city blocks there were the large, airy bed-rooms, where tired bodies could rest undisturbed. The house was arranged to accommodate eight guests, and when the first four girls went back to their work rested and strengthened, there was no trouble in finding plenty of girls ready to go.

Aunt Margaret and Ione were frequent visitors to the Pines; and it was surprising what delightful friends these girls proved to be. Ione found them as refined as herself, and most of them quite well educated.

The first of October brought the summer to a close; and a very happy summer it had been. Ione found herself more than repaid for the money spent on the Pines.

Her friendship with the clerks and stenographers opened to her many avenues by which she could bring brightness into the lives of the brave young bread-winners.

A literary club was formed with Ione as the leader, which met through the winter to study literature and art. With the help of some of her own friends a private circulating library was established, and books and periodicals helped to brighten the evening for many a lonesome girl. All this happened three years ago, and now the Pines is a settled thing, and every summer finds its rooms filled with happy girls.

LAURA A. SMITH.

THE FIRST CIGAR.

[Ethel's first story. She is the little granddaughter of Brother and Sister M. H. Rice.]

Tom thought it would be grown-up to learn to smoke. So he saved his pennies and one day he bought a box of cigarettes.

One Saturday he went into the woods to smoke. When he had smoked the first cigar his head went round like a top. He grew very pale and went home. He crept up the back stairs and went to bed.

Tom never wants to smoke again, he does not even want to look at a cigar.

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A NARRATIVE.

A worthy craftsman in the town of Wayne,—
A Carpenter by trade, and name the same,
Had piled his art with most assiduous care,
And justly gained a reputation fair.

He lived a quiet, uneventful life,
Unmarked by conflict with the world's fierce strife;
In even tenor he pursued his way,
Contented with the labor of each day.

Presuming that this introduction may
Suffice for all I further have to say,
I hasten now my story to unfold,
And tell to others, what to me was told.

Our worthy friend, one day in passing by
A Jeweler's, a trinket did espy,
Which caught his fancy, as he saw, he thought,
In miniature the tools with which he wrought.

"A Square and Compass! emblems of my trade,"
Said he, "a better purchase can't be made;
But what is this? What means this letter G?
Oh yes! all right, my Gimlet there I see."

—MRS. THERESA A. JACOBS.

For The Eastern Star.

HER MISSION.

A local correspondent writes to "The Madison Courier" in high praise of "noble woman as the strongest advocate of temperance," yet holds that in many cases "the woman who thinks she has a mission would better look for its duties at home if she would do the greatest good. "A village in the western part of the State," says our correspondent, "recently delegated a young married woman to attend the Woman's Christian Temperance Union Convention held at East Aurora. The wife left her husband to keep house two days, and had a most glorious time at the Convention, discussing the best mode of wiping the curse of rum off the face of the earth. The poor husband stayed at home on an exhilarating diet of cold mince pie. But as the evening of the first day wore on he became very lonesome and betook himself to a neighboring tavern for the first time in his life. His wife, on her return, found her husband still in a drowsy mood, and decidedly uncertain as to how and when he returned home. There has been an executive session of a small branch of the woman's Christian Temperance Union at that house ever since."

Moral: Do not leave cold mince pie within reach of a man who is so easily exhilarated.

Had the poor wife been left at home while her husband attended a convention, it is hardly probable that she would have been furnished with the means for becoming drowsy. If her own every-day work had not been sufficient to keep her awake, she would perhaps have had an opportunity to split kindling-wood, or rake up the leaves in the front yard. The general opinion, after reading the above, is that a woman's branch of the Christian Temperance Union was just the thing needed in that household, and that the wife did well in representing that branch as a delegate to the Convention at Aurora, Ind.

This constant harping upon woman's mission, and that it should never be outside her own door-step, has little influence it would

seem in some quarters. Only this week in a railway journey to the capital of the State, several women were seen half a mile or more distant from any visible habitation, each with a hoe or a rake in hand pounding away at the stiffened clods in the field, in order to prepare it for the spring planting. Not one of them seemed to be aware that she was entirely out of her sphere, but hoed away in unabashed indifference, while men whirled past with nothing to do but take up tickets on a train, sell newspapers, or sort mail matter. It is not supposed that one of these women even thought or cared that she was usurping the place that might have been filled by some aspiring male agriculturist.

Whatever became of the neglected households while these women battled for a bread crop under the free light of heaven no mortal will ever know.

Whether in consequence of this absence from the fireside some man went forthwith to the dram-shop and became drowsy, we know not, but it is quite probable that he was already there before day-break. One thing can be said for the on-lookers who passed by on the train, not one of them made a remark about woman's incapacity for the profession of clod-breaking. Not a soul seemed to think it a sacrifice of womanly refinement. Not a voice declared that she could probably do china-painting, or crochet-work better than she could hoe, or rake.

Not a woman seemed scandalized at the abbreviated skirts made necessary by the requirements of the occupation. We are therefore constrained to admit this as one more evidence of progressive opinion, and to believe that woman may do anything she pleases in the farming districts of Indiana. In some far-off period of time she may be thought capable of riding upon the seat of the cultivator, or guiding a steam thrasher, and then wonder of wonders, she may have gumption enough to vote.

M. SEARS BROOKS.

A MASONIC HOME FOR KANSAS.

After several years of effort to bring the question of a Masonic Home fairly before the Grand Lodge for action, the desired result was obtained at the annual meeting held in Leavenworth in February last. The Constitution of the Grand Lodge prohibits that body from ever "undertaking the founding or support of any charitable or educational institution." Efforts have been made for several years to have this changed, but without avail.

This year, for the first time in the history of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master was heartily in favor of the change, and in his annual address made an eloquent appeal for a Home. A committee appointed at the last Grand Lodge to confer with a similar committee from the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, made a favorable report which was unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge. The Chairman of the Juris-

prudence Committee, who was also Chairman of the above mentioned committee, then moved the following amendment to the Article referred to above in the Constitution: "Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the Grand Lodge from founding, maintaining and supporting a Home for destitute Master Masons, their wives, widows, and children." This amendment was carried by a rising vote which was unanimous amidst great enthusiasm, and as the result was announced the organist began playing "Home Sweet Home," and Brother Shaver sang the song with wonderful effect. Under the sweet influence of the song many an eye was dimmed with tears. No more impressive event ever took place at a meeting of the Grand Lodge, and the remembrance of it will linger long in the hearts of all who were present. The amendment has to be submitted to the Lodges for ratification by a two-thirds vote, when it will become a law. A committee was appointed to confer with similar committees from other recognized Masonic bodies and the Grand Chapter O. E. S., its duties to begin as soon as the adoption of the amendment is ratified by a sufficient number of Lodges.

The committee consists of Past Grand Masters Miller, Callahan and Postaltheaite, the Grand Treasurer, Robert E. Torrington and Brother Alfred Whitman, of Lawrence Lodge No. 6. The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Grand Chapter O. E. S. consists of Brothers Alfred Whitman, of Lawrence; D. C. Baltey, of Florence; Sisters M. A. Hepler, Fort Scott; M. C. Snedden, of Kansas City; L. H. Taylor, of Lawrence.

As soon as it is known that the amendment is legally adopted, active work will begin at once, and Kansas will take its place in line with the other States that have established Homes. The Kansas Home will be in accordance with the wording of the amendment, and will take in Masons and their wives as well as widows and orphans.

GIRLS WHO HAVE PUSH.

[The Boston Journal.]

There is an interesting group of bright girls at the New England Conservatory of Music, in Boston, who represent the quality of push characteristic of the American girl. There are some thirty-five of these girls, and they are being musically and vocally educated by "The Ladies' Home Journal" of Philadelphia. Some time ago this magazine offered, as a stimulant to girls to get subscriptions for it, free educations at the Conservatory. The American girl is quick to see a chance, and one by one these thirty-five girls have come from all parts of the country to Boston. They receive the very best the Conservatory affords, the very best rooms in the building are theirs, and they have all their wants carefully looked after by a wealthy periodical. Perhaps in no other country on the face of the globe could make such a thing be possible. These girls, too, the reporter was told, belong to nice families, but they preferred to earn their own musical education rather than depend on the family purse. Of course, the particular girls are unknown to the scholars at large, and to all intents and purposes they are paying their own way. And they certainly are. It is said that the magazine is educating a number of other girls at Wellesley, Smith and Vassar Colleges.

IN MEMORIAM.

MASSACHUSETTS.

At the regular meeting of Queen Esther Chapter, Boston, held Monday evening, March 14, one candidate was initiated. The following resolutions were adopted to the memory of our departed brother, Claude M. Jones, M.D.:

"Pulvis est, et pulvis te converteris"—
"Thou art dust and to dust thou shalt return."

Verily the quotation above cited has had a sorrowful exemplification in the sudden demise of our good and beloved brother, Claude M. Jones. Called away in the vigor of life from a beloved family and kind friends, he leaves an empty place in the heart of those who loved him for his nobleness of character, and manifest disinterestedness in anything attached to the profession of physician, he loved so well, and which he followed for many years with marked success. His name was, and will continue to be, a household word among his patients and friends, and his many acts of kindness will never be forgotten by those, who having had the privilege of being his near and intimate friends could appreciate conscientiously, the worth of his true character and generous disposition.

Brother Jones was born in the year 1845, at Worcester, in the State of Massachusetts, died at the Massachusetts General Hospital, an institution for which he had great preference and affection, and was buried beside his parents in the family lot in the place of his nativity.

WHEREAS, The Supreme Architect of the Universe, who ruleth over us all, in his infinite wisdom, has seen fit to summon to His presence the spirit soul of our beloved brother, Claude M. Jones, be it, and is hereby

Resolved, That we recognize in our departed brother his faithfulness in the discharge of his professional duties indiscriminately, as a good man and as a true Christian.

Resolved, That recognizing our existence in the planet where we live, to be merely a transitory one, we humbly bow to the decree of our kind Father in Heaven, and we trust his immortal soul has entered the celestial kingdom above, where sorrows are unknown, and happiness and rejoicing reign forevermore.

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved family and relatives of our beloved brother, Claude M. Jones, our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their great affliction; and that a copy of this preamble and resolutions be sent to them by the Secretary, under the seal of the chapter, in recognition of our love and respect for the departed, and of our sorrow and distinguished consideration for the living. May his remains rest in peace.

JOSE M. AGUAYO,
ESTHER A. GERALD,
ELIZABETH M. KIMBALL. } Com.

INDIANA.

To the Worthy Matron, officers and members of Bourbon Chapter, O. E. S.:

Our chain is again broken, and the silent messenger of death has entered our chapter and taken from our midst our beloved sister, Emma Dillingham. In her connection with the chapter, and her association as a member, she was quiet, gentle, and retiring, and thus held in affectionate esteem by all.

No idle word, penned by the hand of a stranger, though bound to her in the mystic fellowship of a common faith; can voice the love and veneration, those who knew her best still hold for her; nor, can we ever tell what mighty influences are still widening their circles in the ocean of time, starting from the shores of her life. She was a good woman and true; and when we so say, no sweeter nor lovelier flower can we lay at her tomb.

In her death we realize "that it is not all of

life to live," and "that to live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."

While we may not be able to lift the cloud, or lighten the burden for our esteemed brother, we extend to him in his loneliness our sympathy, not forgetting to assure him that beyond the valley of the shadow of death, there is a re-union that is never again broken, and that knows neither sorrow nor pain.

Our love and sympathy also go out unbounded, to the sons and daughters so early left without a mother's care; Yet, He who knows even the sparrow's fall will cast around them His protecting arms, and guide their feet aright through youth's uncertain paths.

That as a further mark of respect, the emblems of our chapter be appropriately draped in mourning for a period of thirty days, in memory of our departed sister.

That a copy of these resolutions be tendered the family of the deceased, that they be placed on the records of the chapter, and that copies be sent to THE EASTERN STAR and "Bourbon Mirror" for publication.

ELLA M. MCKINNEY,
NETTIE DAVIS,
FLORA A. WHITAKER. } Com.

Elwood Chapter, Elwood, was called to meet on April 18 for the purpose of attending the funeral of Sister Minnie McAlister, who was Treasurer of the chapter for the past two years. She was born September 18, 1859, at Rostock, Germany. Died April 17, 1892, aged 32 years six months and twenty-nine days. The following preamble and resolutions were adopted by the chapter:

To the officers and members of Elwood Chapter, O. E. S., we, your committee appointed to prepare resolutions of condolence on the death of Sister Minnie McAlister, do beg leave to submit the following for your approval:

Again the angel of death has entered our chapter, and severed another link from our golden chain. Our beloved sister, Minnie McAlister, has finished her allotted task in the conflicts of life. During her illness of many months she was ever patient and cheerful, and with fortitude and Christian resignation, calmly trusted in her Savior. How well she loved the Order was manifested in the faithful manner in which she fulfilled the duties of her office, always present at our meetings, doing her part willingly and promptly.

Remembering her many virtues we are indeed mourners, and while we stand beside the broken column, let us with trustful faith look beyond the shores of time to that reunion which awaits all the faithful. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we recognize this dispensation in the wisdom of God as a voice speaking to us, and with humble submission, patiently and faithfully trust in Him who has said, "be thou faithful unto death."

Resolved, That Elwood Chapter will hold in sacred remembrance the many virtues of this tried servant of God, so that her good deeds may be perpetually recorded in our hearts.

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved husband and little daughter, our united sympathy in this their great sorrow, and commend them to Him who is able and willing to save.

Resolved That this chapter be draped in mourning for sixty days, and that these resolutions be spread upon the records, and published in the city papers and a copy given to the bereaved family.

A. B. WILSON,
JANE DECKER,
REBECCA BENEFIELD. } Com.

A chapter of sorrow was held at the hall of Orient Chapter, LaPorte, March 18, in memory of Sister Jennie Fargher. The memorial

service was solemn and impressive, the altar, piano and jewels being draped in mourning, and beautiful flower emblems of the resurrection filled the air with fragrance. At eight o'clock the sad wail of a funeral march by the organist, announced the approach of the officers of the chapter. After the usual opening services, the W. M., Emily R. Parker, called for the report of the Committee on Obituary Resolutions. Geo. C. Dorland, chairman of the committee, then read the following:

WHEREAS, It having pleased our Heavenly Father to summon to His presence our sister, Jennie Fargher. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the surviving members of Orient Chapter, No. 55, Order of the Eastern Star, being thus bereft for the first time during our existence as a chapter, would bear testimony to the faithfulness of our devoted sister to our beloved Order. She was with us, as it were, but yesterday, but apparently in the full bloom of health, in the meridian of life, she has been summoned hence by a messenger to whose inevitable decree we must all in due time give heed. She has finished her allotted task; the chapter of her earthly sojourn is closed. She has passed beyond the reach of praise, and although many dark clouds, trials and disappointments obscured her life during her pilgrimage below, yet with a Martha's tender, trustful faith, and hope in the immortal One. We feel that her troubled heart was soothed by His greeting, "Peace, be still," "In my Father's house are many mansions," "Well done thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many." We realize that

From our chain, a link has fallen,
In the East a star has set,
But enshrined in memory's tablet
Her true worth we'll ne'er forget.

Resolved, That to her bereaved relatives we tender our heartfelt sympathy and condolence.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon our records, that our chapter-room and jewels be suitably draped, and at our next stated meeting we convene as a chapter of sorrow.

JULIA A. NOYES,
MARY TAYLOR,
GEO. C. DORLAND. } Com.

Then followed a sketch of the life of our departed sister, by the Rev. Brother Scott, after which came the touching duet, Ruth and Naomi, by Miss Elvida Hitchcock, and Mrs. Homes, which was so exquisitely rendered, and so pathetic that many eyes were filled with tears. Papers were then read by Mrs. Jennie T. Nye and Mrs. Julia A. Noyes, filled with affectionate regrets for the one who would never again meet with us on earth. The beautiful floral star, the love offering of the officers, and the degrees were given to Mrs. Fargher to put on Jennie's grave. The closing hymn was the familiar "Sweet Bye and Bye," in which all present joined. May it be long before we lose another member by death.

J. A. NOYES.

In Germany, vegetable fibre is largely used instead of animal wool for various fabrics of outer garments and other purposes. Two establishments near Breslau convert pine leaves into wool and flannels. Blankets of these materials are exclusively employed in the hospitals, barracks, and prisons of Vienna and Breslau, and have the great advantage of being vermin-proof. Underclothing made from vegetable wool keeps the body comfortably warm. The shops producing these goods are lighted with gas made from the waste thrown off in the manufacturing.

OUR FAITH.

[Response to a toast at the banquet of Columbia City Chapter.]

Underneath the thoughts and dolours
Of all truly righteous lives,
Of the fathers, and the mothers,
Brothers, sisters, husbands, wives,
There is laid for temple building,
A foundation deep and broad,
Yes, that which supports the structure,
'Tis our steadfast faith in God.

See the rain in torrents pouring,
And the wild sea rolling in,
Drowning earth's affrighted thousands,
For their wickedness and sin.
Where, amid earth's desolations,
Rushing floods, and clouds all dark,
Is the wise and faithful Noah;
Faith has builded him an ark,

Ah, he floats above the waters,
Monarch of the boundless sea,
From the weight of sin's oppression,
Faith in God has set him free.
Note the blessings, earthly, heavenly,
Upon Abraham bestowed.
He was father of the faithful,
And was called the friend of God.

Father of a famous nation,
Rich and mighty in the earth.
Of his seed, long ages after,
The Messiah had his birth.
So the kingdom of our Savior,
Cleansed by blood of Calvary's Lamb,
Found its sacrificial offering
In the flesh of Abraham.

Why was he so blessed and honored?
Why so great below, above?
He believed in God his maker,
And his heart was full of love.
Go to Egypt's dungeon yonder.
Youthful prisoner, sad and lone.
See! he climbs, as if by magic,
From the dungeon to the throne,
Yes, he wears the royal trappings,
With the kingdom at his feet.
And from Egypt's stores of plenty,
Gives his people bread to eat.
Thus presenting God's own chosen,
That His purposes of grace
Might for sinners be accomplished.
The redemption of the race.

Why was Joseph thus exalted,
Acting such a noble part?
Ah, his faith was in Jehovah,
And the truth was in his heart.
On the river was a baby,
In an ark of rushes made,
And its mother, though in bondage,
O'er the precious treasure prayed.

On the Nile she placed her offering,
Hidden from the oppressor's rod,
And the ark was safely anchored.
By her mighty faith in God.
From that tiny water-cradle,
Rose a man of world-wide fame,
Leader of the hosts of Israel,
Prophet in Jehovah's name.

He it was who stood on Horeb,
'Mid the lightning's vivid flash,
'Mid the smoke, and fire, and storm-cloud,
And the thunder's heavy crash,
While the mighty God of Jacob,
On the mountain's blazing height,
Gave to Moses his commandments,
While the people stood in sight.

Leader, judge, and mediator,
While the hosts were passing through
That great desert, 'til the Canaan
Land of promise came in view!
What was Moses' simple greatness?
What the secret of his fate?
Ah, in God his heart was resting,
Faith in that most sacred name.

And we see, along the ages,
Flag of truth still floating high.
And a moving of the nations,
By the cause that cannot die.
Sin dethroned, and peace extended,
Darkness fleeing fast away.
Error chained, and truth exalted,
Rising of the glorious day.

Kingdoms from their idol worship,
Lifted to the higher plane
Of the blessed gospel sunlight,
Faith has never wrought in vain.
'Tis the preaching of the gospel,
Telling o'er and o'er again,
Glad some story of redemption,
To the hosts of dying men.

This it is that breaks man's fetters,
Fills his heart with sacred love,
Turns his face and feet toward heaven,
And the treasures stored above.
This it is that makes home happy,
And our land so free and bright.
Active faith in God our Savior,
Constant striving for the right.

This it is that from our Father
Brings His Spirit to our hearts.
And His coming gives us wisdom,
And the love of God imparts.
And the love that is from heaven,
Pure, unselfish, kind and true,
Is a friendship sweet and lasting,
And is brave to dare and do.

It erases all distinctions,
Does away with caste and clan,
Putting into all believers
The true spirit of a man.
Seeks the welfare of a brother,
And the happiness of all.
Seeks to rescue those that perish,
From the ruins of the fall.

Plants the churches, schools, asylums,
Through the nations near and far.
Arbitrates by peace commissions,
In the place of deadly war.
Lifts the man, the home, the nation,
From the depths of woe and sin.
Plants the standard of salvation
Where the demon hosts have been.

Ah, it is the earth's preserver,
And it is this dark world's light.
Yes, it is the grace of friendship,
And the oneness here to-night.
All of this world's joy and sunshine,
Future prospects, high and broad,
Are the answers out of heaven
To our living faith in God.

'Tis our faith, not Jews, not Gentiles,
Not of any age or clime,
Not confined to race or color.
Our faith here, and at this time
Just the same in all the ages,
Key to heaven's richest stores.
Walls of strength to inland countries,
Bulwarks built along the shores.

Faith in what? In God our Father,
Not in man, or wealth, or lore.
Not in any institution,
Not in any earthly store.
Let our faith grow stronger, Father,
Help us all thy word obey.
Keep us when the stars cease shining,
And the world has passed away.

Now a word of kindly welcome,
To you visitors to-night.
Guess you all feel very happy,
'Cause your faces are so bright.
If our goat trots out among you,
Then look out for wounds and scars.
Don't be caught, but seek a refuge;
Hide yourselves among the stars.

Columbia City, Ind.

—D. W. SANDERS.

A SUCCESSFUL INDIANA WOMAN.

[The Woman's Journal.]

THE EASTERN STAR, Indianapolis, Ind., which has heretofore been printed by the "Organizer" Publishing Company, appeared last month in a new and becoming dress of its own. The work of the senior editor of this monthly, Mrs. Nettie Ransford, is illustrative of the latent possibilities in women. Reverses made it necessary for her to enter the list of bread-winners in middle age, without any preparation save that acquired as the wife and mother in a household, and as a worker in church and philanthropic channels. After a year's experience as business manager of the "Woman's News," Mrs. Ransford became the active partner in a company of three women formed to start and publish THE EASTERN STAR. She has carried the main burden of the enterprise, and has achieved a remarkable degree of success, both in editorial work and business management. THE EASTERN STAR is nearly four years old, and is a credit to its publishers and to the Order of which it is the organ. In January, Mrs. Ransford fell on an icy pavement and fractured the bones in her right wrist. Notwithstanding this serious disability, she has since purchased material and set up a printing office in one of the rooms in the suite where she resides, and, with gratitude to faithful friends and helpers, hopes soon to have the use of both hands for her manifold duties.

I desire to commend to subordinate chapters, THE EASTERN STAR, the only paper in all the Grand Jurisdiction wholly devoted to the interests and promotion of our Order, and conducted entirely by noble women well versed in matters of Masonic law and usage as they apply to our own institution. This journal is under the supervision of Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter, a position of great responsibility to which she devotes her time and talents. I should be glad to see her efforts to maintain and increase through this medium of intelligence, more knowledge of the Order and of its benefits; encouraged by both private and organized aid from our membership.

EDNA L. HEDGES, P. G. M. of Mont.

DEAR SISTER RANSFORD:—At the meeting of Ruth Chapter, U. D., Peru, April 4, the following resolution were passed:

WHEREAS, Ruth Chapter, U. D., O. E. S., is under lasting obligations to Sister Nettie Ransford, M. W. G. M. of the G. G. C., and Mary A. Gould, P. W. M. of Queen Esther Chapter, for their assistance in organizing the chapter, and getting it in good working order, therefore

Resolved, That we extend to these sisters a vote of thanks for their kindly efforts in our behalf, and that the Secretary be instructed to spread this resolution on the minutes of the chapter, and send copies to sisters Ransford and Gould. LOIS R. DAVIS, Sec.

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returned from her Southern trip much improved in health.

Minneapolis Chapter balloted upon fifteen applications at the meeting of April 11. This chapter has added to its paraphernalia stands and emblems for the Star.

The chapters of Minneapolis have joined hands with the other Masonic bodies in furnishing a Masonic library for the Flour City, to be located in Masonic Temple. Any contributions will be gladly received. You can always count upon the sisters doing their share of the work in any direction whenever the opportunity presents itself.

March 29, A. P. Swanstrom, G. P., organized Jacoby Chapter, (named after the estimable W. G. M.) at Breckenridge, with sixty charter members. He was assisted in the organization by the officers of Wahpeton Chapter, of North Dakota. After organization both chapters sat down to an elegant banquet served at the hotel, which was enjoyed by all. This chapter starts out most auspiciously, having money enough to purchase all paraphernalia and have money in the treasury besides. The pleasant feature of the evening was the presence of a chapter from a sister jurisdiction, who did the work of the Order in a very able manner. These two chapters should enjoy very pleasant times together, being only one mile apart, the Otter Tail River dividing the two towns of Wahpeton and Breckenridge. The following are the officers of Jacoby Chapter: Annie L. Woodland, W. M.; Chas. H. Hornbeck, W. P.; Sister Dagmar H. Champion, A. M.; Howard Dykman, Sec.

Sister Jacoby, W. G. M., appointed brothers Swanstrom, Markham and Davis, a committee to visit the Grand Lodge and present the compliments of the Grand Chapter, pledging the support of the O. E. S. of this jurisdiction to assist in the direction of a Masonic Home when it was decided to have one. The committee met with that Grand Body and presented the following, which was accepted and referred to the Committee on Home: To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota: The undersigned have been appointed a committee from the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Minnesota, to convey to this Grand Lodge the earnest sympathy of the Order of the Eastern Star with all wise plans, looking to the establishment of a Masonic Home in this State, and the desire of that body to co-operate with this Grand Lodge in carrying any proposed plans to a successful consummation. Signed, A. P. Swanstrom, G. H. Davis, J. D. Markam.

The Grand Chapter of Minnesota will meet in Masonic Temple, Minneapolis, Wednesday, May 13, and continue in session two days. This promises to be the largest gathering of the Order ever held in this jurisdiction: Invitations have been sent to the officers of the G. G. C. and to all the grand jurisdictions to meet with them on that occasion, and it is

sincerely hoped that as many as can do so will meet with them. The afternoon of the first day will be devoted to the addresses of the W. G. M., W. G. P., etc., and in the evening the degrees will be conferred by Minneapolis Chapter, and the Floral Work by Excelsior Chapter. The second day will be devoted to reports of committees, election of officers and closing with a banquet in the evening. A cordial invitation is extended through these columns to all Eastern Star people to meet with them, and enjoy the beautiful weather for which Minnesota is so justly noted at that season of the year.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Beulah Chapter, Stoneham, held a very pleasant meeting March 17. A committee was appointed to draft resolutions of sympathy on the death of the late Brother Geo. L. W. Dike.

The annual ball of Vesta Chapter, Charlestown, was held in Cadet's Hall, March 2, and was a very pleasing affair. At the regular meeting of this chapter, held March 18, one candidate was elected.

Melrose Chapter, Melrose, still continues the interest manifested in the work during the past year, receiving seven petitions at the meeting held March 11, electing three, and initiating two candidates.

At the regular meeting of Queen Esther Chapter, Boston, April 12, five petitions were received. At the close of the previous meeting a whist party was held, from which P. M., Ada E. Lavers, and P. P., J. H. Collett, took home the first prizes, and Brother and Sister Crosby, the booby.

At the regular meeting of Vesta Chapter, Charlestown, April 1, one candidate was initiated. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for a whist party to be given the 15th. Visitors were present from Melrose, Queen Esther, and Keystone Chapters. Whist parties seem to be very much in vogue just at present, and Vesta's proved a very enjoyable one, over one hundred being present. Refreshments were served.

At the regular meeting of Melrose Chapter, April 8, three petitions were received and six candidates elected. At the close of the meeting, all were invited to the lower hall, where a large number of visitors had gathered, and a fine entertainment was presented. Each number was heartily encored and responded to. After the entertainment dancing was enjoyed until a late hour. The programs were unique and presented a list of sixteen dances.

Keystone Chapter, Boston, elected five candidates at the regular meeting, April 12, received one petition and initiated one candidate, in a very pleasing and impressive manner. Visitors were present from Vesta, Queen Esther, and Mary Love Chapters. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for their annual spring dance, to be given sometime during the month of April, in Allston, where a large number of the members reside.

One candidate was elected at the regular

meeting of Keystone Chapter, Boston, held on March 8. Four petitions were received at the meeting held on the 22nd. At the close of the meeting a progressive whist party was held, from which Bro. Hall and Sister Austin took home the first prizes—a silver ash receiver and a nice vase—and Sister Ellen Hicks and Bro. Fenn, of Queen Esther, the "booby," Sister Hicks receiving a miniature "guitar girl," and Bro. Fenn, a "little donkey, stable and all."

Signet Chapter, Cambridge, gave a very pleasing harlequin party at the close of the regular meeting, March 10, at which Sister Lizzie S. Blackman and Bro. Charles Pear won the first prizes, the former a beautiful upholstered stool; Brother Pear a porcelain candle-stick and fancy candle. The booby prizes were awarded to Sister A. J. Gale, and Bro. Alcott. During the evening Miss Lulu Bodemer sang several songs very pleasingly, and Sister Bertha Moore gave piano solos. One petition was received at the business meeting, and a committee appointed to make arrangements for celebrating their anniversary.

The Easter sale of Mizpah Chapter, Marlboro, held on afternoon and evening of April 14, in the banquet hall of the new Masonic Temple was a social and financial success. The beautiful rooms were filled with a happy, liberal throng, who gathered around the many tables upon which were rare articles for sale, both to attract the eye and please the palate. The Easter tree was a great attraction. A stately young pine laden with Easter eggs, each most daintily decorated, the patient work of the artistic sisters of the chapter. Our money treasury was increased two hundred dollars. Our treasury of pleasant memories, four hundred fold. E. J. B.

Thursday, April 14, was the day set apart for celebrating the fourth anniversary of Signet Chapter, Cambridge, and it was one which will long be remembered by the participants as a pleasurable one. After a short business meeting the doors were opened to the friends of the members. Each one was presented with a souvenir of the occasion—a ragged edged five-pointed star, the face of which read "Fourth Anniversary Signet Chapter, No. 22, Order of the Eastern Star. Thursday evening, April 14, 1892." The reverse bore the list of officers, the names of the Star officers being on the points; the others in the center. They were hung with ribbon of the different colors of the Order. A very pleasing musical and literary entertainment was given. Each number was very deservedly encored. After a short time spent socially, all were invited to the banquet hall where a nice banquet was served.

The sisters of Mary Love Chapter, Waltham are very successful in preparing delicate lunches for the chapter so very quietly that the brothers are completely taken by surprise when invited to the banquet-hall. It happened that a short time since some of the

brothers quite emphatically expressed their ignorance of "cracker and cheese lunches." Consequently, at the close of the work on March 2, the W. M., Sister L. J. Havener, in a neat little speech, called their attention to this expressed lack of knowledge thereof, and invited all to accompany her to the banquet-hall where they could become acquainted with such a lunch; but it is a question if the brothers were acquainted with such delicious crackers, cheese and chocolate as there awaited them. And the cigars—no, they were not forgotten—but were those which would not offend the staunchest anti-tobacco zealot. In meeting, two candidates were initiated in a very pleasing and impressive manner.

By invitation of P. G. P., Frank F. Shaw, thirty-six members of the Order from Massachusetts, representing Golden, Vesta, Beulah, Melrose, Keystone, Martha Washington and Signet Chapters, assembled at the Old Colony railroad station at 5:30 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, April 6, for the purpose of making a pilgrimage to Providence, R. I., and paying a fraternal visit to Providence Chapter, of that city. Among the number were seen G. M., Louise J. Provin, A. G. P., John P. Loring; G. Chap., Helen A. Atkins; R. Emily Little, W. A. G. C. of the G. G. C., P. G. M., Annie B. Huntress; P. G. P's., Chas. C. Dike, R. C. Huntress, and Frank E. Shaw. The weather was all that could be wished, and the forty-five mile ride over hill and vale, just at such a lovely sunset, was indeed a very enjoyable one. Upon our arrival, we were met by P. P., Bro. S. Penrose Williams, and escorted to the Masonic Hall, where the chapter was in session. After the reception of the visitors, two candidates were initiated in a very pleasing and impressive manner. Our very limited time prevented an opportunity for very much "speech-making," however our G. M., Sister Provin, was accorded that honor, and after some pleasing remarks, presented the chapter with a beautiful ebony gavel, gold mounted, and bearing this legend, "From Massachusetts Members to Providence Chapter, No. 1, O. E. S., Providence, R. I." Although completely taken by surprise, the W. M., Hattie E. Davis, received the gift in a few well chosen words with an expression that spoke volumes of gratitude. We were then escorted to the banquet hall, where ice cream, sherbets, cake and coffee were served, after which we were forced to hasten to the train which "waits for no man." The few who remained until morning were entertained with music and recitations, upon returning to the chapter-room, after which dancing was enjoyed until a late hour. Isolated as Providence Chapter is—being the only one in Rhode Island—fraternal visits from sister chapters are of rare occurrence, therefore this was all the more enjoyable, and proved alike, a day long to be remembered by the chapter and its guests. R. E. L.

NEBRASKA.

March 19, Adah Chapter was organized at South Omaha, by Grand Patron Nason.

Eighteen chapters have been added to the roster since the meeting of the Grand Chapter in June last.

OREGON.

The Order is growing slowly here. A new chapter U. D., was organized at Fairview by the officers and members of Myrtle and Martha Washington Chapters of Portland, March 7. The interest still keeps up in Portland. Myrtle Chapter has from six to ten applications every meeting. There is still one trouble in this jurisdiction which they made the start last year to remedy, that is the men forget this Order belongs to the women. The Grand Chapter last June made the Grand Matron presiding officer, formerly the Grand Patron had that dignity. This should be kept up until the male members of the Order resign their dignities and consider themselves the guest of their lady friends. They manage and control the Masonic bodies absolutely, and in some places they seem even afraid to have public installation, I suppose for fear of the ladies. Give the ladies a chance and I think you will find them as sociable as it is in any other lodge. Jo.

OHIO.

About two years ago Crescent Chapter, Garrettsville, was organized with twenty-three earnest working members. During that time degrees have been conferred at nearly every meeting, until we now have a flourishing chapter of 104 members. As our members increased the little room in which we met could not accommodate us, and the earnest sisters sought larger rooms. At our last meeting we enjoyed one of the largest and handsomest rooms which our little town affords, as our new chapter home. We feel proud of our success in securing such a fine room. In the furnishing we used our old furniture as far as it would go. We bought new officers' chairs and pedestals, and a new altar, which are especially fine, also a star for the floor made of appropriate colors of crushed plush, which is very handsome. All this incurred a debt which the sisters have already commenced to pay for by socials. A sugar social netted a handsome sum, and our chapter meetings are well attended and much interest is manifest. In the near future we expect fraternal visits from our sister chapters at Cleveland and Chardon. May this glorious Order stand as

"Some tall cliff that lifts its mighty form,
Swell from the vale and midway leaves the storm,
Though round its breast rolling clouds may spread,
Eternal sunshine settles on its head."

S.

Ada Chapter entered upon its third year April 3, unincumbered by debt. It meets in a hall of its own and is well equipped for for work. In the near future it hopes to add robes and other extra furnishings to its paraphernalia. It is anticipating the organization of an auxiliary, the earnings of which will be used for furnishing the new Masonic Home. The Lodge, F. and A. M., and Chapter R. A.

M., are growing, and we trust that we may also gather them in. At a recent meeting there was an extra large attendance, and after initiation the W. P., J. F. Rice, announced that the W. M. desired that no one leave the hall but sisters Crooks, Mar.; Clara Guyton, Esther; Augusta Riddle, Sec., and the W. M. who could be excused, and the Sentinel to remain at his post. These soon returned bearing ice cream, cake, etc., much to the surprise, as well as the pleasure, of those who had been thus detained. If you want a full house announce refreshments, and see if it will not bring them out. It is the expressed desire of our G. W. M. that each chapter in this jurisdiction, should be the means of establishing one new chapter during her administration, and Ada claims the honor to be the first, O Mary Chapter, No. 13. (We hope it will not be the unlucky number, as we have another well on the way.) No. 13 is at Belview, and reports are that it is a strong chapter in numbers as well as ability. Now wishing you abundant success with our dear little journal, THE EASTERN STAR, we hope all will tell us what they are doing. W. M.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

March 22 a dispensation was granted for a chapter at White with fifty-four petitioners. It will be called White Star Chapter. Mrs. Miles White, W. M.; J. R. Delaney, W. P.; Mrs. J. R. Delaney, A. M.

WISCONSIN.

April 7, J. A. Spratler, D. G. P., delivered the charter and installed the officers of Miriam Chapter, Platteville. Annie McGregor, W. M.; J. H. Evans, W. P.; Jennie Block, A. M. Other visitors from Mineral Point Chapter were Annie Phillips, G. C.; Ella Virian, Amy Virian and Mrs. Phillips. After the installation refreshments were served and all enjoyed a social time.

WASHINGTON.

The regular meeting of Lorraine Chapter was held in Freed's Hall, April 6. The usual large attendance was missing, only about fifty being present, and they were late in arriving. The interest in the Order seems to be reviving as there were six applications for degrees, eight candidates elected and the work exemplified upon two sisters. After the chapter was closed they had a musical and literary program, after which all indulged in that great promoter of sociability—refreshments. The new Masonic Hall is nearly completed, and all members of the various branches are on the query as to where, when and how it will be opened. The chapter at this meeting appointed a committee of three to confer with a like committee for the other branches in regard to organizing a Masonic Library for the new Temple, and it was hinted that any one who had any Masonic literature which they wished to donate as a nucleus would be gladly accepted. This is a move in the right direction. S. A.

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Some communications were obliged to lie over until the next issue, but they will then find a place.

The sixteenth annual session of the Grand Chapter of Kansas will meet in Pittsburg, May 11, as the guests of Rob Morris Chapter.

The readers of THE EASTERN STAR will bear in mind that Chapter supplies of any and every kind can be ordered by writing to the paper.

Another chapter is added to the roster of chapters at Lisbon Falls, with forty-nine petitioners, Mrs. Lilla M. Duffton, W. M.; K. M. Small, W. P.; Mrs. Addie M. Frost, A. M.

Will the subscribers please notify us promptly when the paper fails to reach them, that we may ascertain the cause of its failure to do so, and supply the missing number.

The Grand Chapter of Colorado will be organized June 6, at Colorado Springs. The three chapters in the immediate vicinity will unite in entertaining the delegates and visitors.

The sixth annual meeting of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota will assemble in Minneapolis, May 11, and the chapters in that city will unite in entertaining the members and visitors.

From the Pacific slope came an invitation to be present at the twentieth anniversary of Oak Leaf Chapter, Oakland, and I only wish it had been possible to be present and participate. Thanks for remembrance.

The Grand Chapter of Massachusetts will meet by invitation at Westfield, May 10, as the guests of Golden Chapter, the chapter in which the Grand Matron, Sister Louise J. Provin, holds her membership.

West Virginia has wheeled into line and Miriam Chapter, No. 1, with twenty-eight names has been granted a charter. Mrs. Annie Waterhouse, W. M.; Joseph Hall, Deputy Grand Master, W. F.; Mrs. F. Lizzie Peterson, A. M.

The Grand Chapter of South Dakota will meet in Madison, May 24. The members and visitors will be the guests of Madison Chapter, and a large attendance is expected. This is the home chapter of the Grand Secretary, Sister A. M. McCallister.

SISTERS:—Do you want some handsome visiting cards—O. E. S. monogram embossed in gilt, with name, residence and name of chapter to which you belong? Well, send eight yearly subscribers to THE EASTERN STAR and in return receive a hundred beautiful cards.

Both printed and individual invitations to attend the Grand Chapter meetings that occur this month have reached us, but a spiritual presence is all that we can promise, greatly to our regret. May the deliberations be such as shall tend toward the good of the Order, and may harmony and good will prevail.

Silently and without warning, a link was severed from the chain of Queen Esther Chapter. The cycle of seventy-nine years had just rounded for Brother Robert S. Heiskell, when he fell asleep to awake in that brighter and better land. He was faithful to all life's duties, and for such as he there awaits a peace past understanding.

To all whom it may concern: Greeting:—For five yearly subscribers to THE EASTERN STAR, will be given a beautiful membership badge of the Order.

For ten yearly subscribers will be given a gold O. E. S. pin.

For twenty yearly subscribers will be given a beautifully enameled, solid gold O. E. S. charm.

In the early days of the Grand Chapter, Past Grand Matron Comstock, advocated the founding of a Masonic Home, but the time was not yet. Now, as State after State is wheeling so grandly into line, the brothers are catching the refrain, and no doubt will take steps in the same direction. To show the willingness of our Order to co-operate with them in any and every good work, Past Grand Patron, Robert VanValzah, introduced a resolution in the Grand Chapter just closed, through the unanimous adoption of which, a committee was created to assist in this fraternal undertaking.

The following letter has the "Ring" of the true blue, and its author must have been a favorite of the muses to have been thus endowed by them: "TO THE EASTERN STAR: DEAR SISTERS:—When a periodical of acknowledged ability and usefulness shows evidence

of prosperity by launching out into the extravagance of embellishing its columns by artistic designs in colors, it is high time its subscribers should show some substantial appreciation of its endeavors.

Who sees the blue on the last page
Of THE EASTERN STAR,—now all the rage,
Should not get hot beneath the collar,
But cheerfully remit the dollar.

A QUESTION TO BE CONSIDERED.

In many jurisdictions as the number of subordinate chapters increase the question of representation in the Grand Chapter becomes one of much interest.

At the organization of a Grand Chapter the door is often opened very wide and the thought that with each annual gathering will come added numbers seeking admission is scarcely considered, and to the permanent membership is added, beside the present Grand Officers, Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, and the three representatives, all Past Matrons and Patrons.

In the beginning this works no inconceivable, but as the years pass on, and with each, new chapters are chartered, the body grows cumbersome and the question of how to lessen the representation is to be met.

While there is no question but that the experience of these past officers would aid in the legislation, there is a question as to the advisability because of numbers.

In one jurisdiction when the question was under discussion, the motion was made to cut off Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, and in an article referring to it, they were referred to as "back numbers," which seems, to say the best of it, a very uncomplimentary way of alluding to those who, when the Order was far less popular and prosperous than now, bore the burden and the heat of the day.

Rather than suggest to them that their room is better than their company, it should be understood that their presence and assistance is desired.

Who better than those who have borne the responsibility and carried the burdens, know how best to avoid breakers, and if a storm arises, carry the craft into a safe harbor?

When a ship seems overloaded it is best to give careful consideration and throw overboard that of the cargo which is least valuable.

GRAND CHAPTER OF INDIANA FOR 1892.

The Grand Chapter met in its eighteenth annual session in Masonic Temple, April 27th at 2 p. m. It was opened by Grand Matron Augusta V. Hunter assisted by Grand Patron Irvin B. Webber and the Associate Grand Officers. Every grand officer was present and 191 representatives from seventy-five chapters.

There were three Past Grand Matrons and five Past Grand Patrons present. Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin R. W. G. Secretary was a welcome visitor and she was received with

Grand Honors, as was also the M. W. G. M., and the Past Grand Matrons and Patrons.

Emma Lathrop, of Rose Chapter, served as Grand Organist, and also presided at the organ for the evening meeting.

The Grand Matron appointed the following standing committees:

Credentials—Wm. H. Smythe, Gertie B. Huntsman, Isabel Ingersoll.

Finance, Ways and Means—Robert Van Valzah, Mamie Conrad, W. T. McLallen, Louise D. Layne.

Unfinished business—Lavina North, Mary Wood, Dora Hardman, A. D. Riffe, S. M. Hilligoss.

Pay Roll—Joseph A. Manning, Horace Kewney, Mamie Cushman, Sarah A. Lancaster, Delana Duncan.

Jurisprudence—Nettie Ransford, Mary E. Mason, Willis D. Engle, Martin H. Rice, David J. Thompson.

Appeals and Grievance—Elizabeth Johnson, Kate H. Cole, Annie Edwards, Sadie Henry, Sarah Goodge.

Dispensation and Charter—Carrie M. Fanning, George Macomber, George C. Dorland.

Correspondence—Martin H. Rice.

The room was tastefully decorated, on the stands at the points was a rose bowl with appropriate colored flowers, and also in the West, while a floral star adorned the East.

The chairs for the star officers were of the appropriate color and a scarf with the emblem belonging to the station embroidered, was on each stand, which added much to the attractiveness of the room.

The Grand Patron submitted his address which showed the twelve chapters chartered at the last meeting to have been regularly constituted and the officers duly installed.

Ten chapters were organized during the year and five dispensations are referred to the Grand Chapter for action.

The Grand Patron paid a visit to Columbia City Chapter and but voices the sentiment of all who were fortunate enough to be present, that the evening was one long to be remembered with pleasure.

He also says, "I desire also to acknowledge many kindnesses shown me by the Grand Matron and Grand Patron of Minnesota during a visit last summer. Sister Jacoby and Bro. Swanston are thoroughly alive to the interests of their Stars."

The Grand Matron's address was excellent, and showed no abatement in zeal for the Order. From the bound sheaf we gather a few culms:

One year, heavily freighted with its joys and sorrows, its realization of fond hopes and destruction of as many more, has passed since we gladly greeted each other in the Grand Chapter of 1891, and as reluctantly said "good-bye" at its close. We meet to-day with unbounded gratitude to Him who "doeth all things well," that our lives and our health have been precious in His sight, that we are permitted to assemble here again, we trust, for His honor, and, we believe, for our instruction and for the good of our fellow men. As we stand to-day on the threshold of another year in the work of our beloved Order, we can but recall from the fast retreating mists of the past, regret that greater achieve-

ments have not been attained, but as we gaze with mingled hopes and fears into the shadowy future, there comes to us the dawn of a hope, that from the activity and zeal of most of our subordinate chapters, we may safely predict a rapid enlargement of our work in the coming year. Sisters and brothers, your presence here, with increasing numbers, year after year, shows that the bond which unites us is growing stronger and more perfect, and that the feeling which draws us together from all parts of our State, comes from an earnest desire to promote our cause and the welfare of humanity. We believe the dawn of success is looming up in the horizon of our beloved Order, and while we assemble to legislate for its good, may be endowed with wisdom and understanding, that we may be not only intelligent exponents of the law, but that the beautiful principle of charity may underlie all our deliberations.

OUR BELOVED DEVD.

"To-day the presence of loved ones fills our cup with joy—to-morrow sore bereavement casts us into the valley of sorrow."

Life's sun set at noon-day for Sister Nannie Crews August 15, 1892. Our sister was the first Worthy Matron of Muncie Chapter, No. 104, and her untiring devotion to the cause during the very short time life and health were spared after the organization of her chapter, will be a tender memory to its members.

Many within our jurisdiction have learned the lesson of sorrow since last we met, by reason of a vacant chair at the hearth-stone, and in the still watches of the night the agonized longing goes out for the loved one that will never come again.

To all the sorrowing relatives and sisters and brothers, the most heartfelt sympathy is here extended, trusting that when life's chapter for us shall close, we may have the same triumphant entrance into the joys of a celestial world.

Our hearts go out in fraternal sympathy to our sister jurisdiction of Ohio, in the loss of its first Grand Matron, Mrs. Mattie E. Felton, who passed to the sweet rest of Paradise from a busy useful life. In her death, the Grand Chapter of Ohio lost an efficient Grand Officer and active and zealous member. Take comfort sorrowing hearts:

"Some day, some time, our eyes shall see

The faces kept in memory;

Some day their hands shall clasp our hand

Just over in the Morning Land."

The Grand Secretary's report showed the receipts for the past year to have been \$1618.50, the disbursements, \$117.44; balance in the treasury, \$2389.07.

Bloomingsburg Chapter asked for the restoration of its charter, and the charters and effects of Pauline, Providence and Martha, were ordered taken up, also, the action of the Grand Matron in taking up the charter of Carrie Fanning Chapter, was approved.

Past Grand Patron, M. H. Rice, submitted the report on correspondence, which was ordered printed without being read.

Past Grand Patron, Robert VanValzah, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to act with a like committee to be appointed by other Masonic Bodies, to draft or devise plans to raise money to buy grounds on which to erect suitable buildings, to be known as a Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home.

Whereupon the Grand Matron appointed

the following committee:—Robert VanValzah, Nettie Ransford and Martin H. Rice.

The special committee on obituaries, was brothers Engle and Zion, and Sister Laura Hess.

The Grand Matron was allowed \$100, the Grand Secretary, \$150, and the representatives were allowed four cents a mile one way, and fifty dollars was allowed for the expenses of the Grand Matron to attend the meeting of the General Grand Chapter.

The Grand representatives were introduced and received with grand honors—Augusta V. Hunter, Arkansas, California, Michigan, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, Wisconsin, Washington, Illinois and Missouri. Eva M. Hollinger, Vermont, and Nettie Ransford, New York.

The following resolution was offered by Sister Lena S. Oliver, and was heartily endorsed:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Body that the time has arrived when some definite action should be taken relative to establishing a home for the widows and orphans and aged members of the Masonic fraternity, and while we disclaim any intention of either dictating or instructing the great body of Masons in the State of Indiana as their duty, we do desire to place on record, the fact that we will be found working in the vineyard of charity when the Home, which we have an abiding faith to believe will eventually be built, shall have been a reality.

A motion was adopted requiring of the Secretary and Treasurer each, a bond of three thousand dollars.

On Wednesday evening the ritual work was exemplified by the Grand Officers in a very creditable manner, and following this the Floral Work, which was rendered by the officers of Queen Esther Chapter, Indianapolis, and was beautifully done. Following the work several figures were very nicely formed, and in the varied marching the robes added greatly to the attractiveness and called forth applause. "Ruth and Naomi" was sung by sisters Alice Whitesell and Nannie Manson, of Knightstown, most exquisitely, and the hand-clapping was most generous.

The following officers were installed by Nettie Ransford, M. W. G. M., assisted by Lorraine J. Pitkin, as W. G. Mar.:

Eva M. Hollinger, Terre Haute, Grand Matron; E. N. Wilkenson, Knightstown, Grand Patron; Helen E. McComber, South Bend, Associate Grand Matron; Oliver B. Sargent, Logansport, Associate Grand Patron; Wm. H. Smythe, Indianapolis, Grand Sec.; Eliza J. Moffett, Crawfordsville, G. Treas.; Mamie Conrad, Warsaw, Grand Lecturer; A. W. Hempleman, Richmond, Grand Chap.; Joseph A. Manning, Michigan City, Grand Mar.; Jennie Myerhoff, Evansville, Grand Con.; Olive E. McGrew, Milroy, Associate Grand Con.; Ida B. Gray, Otterbein, Grand Adah; Mary Ogden, Danville, Grand Ruth; Rhoda Ely, Petersburg, Grand Esther; Mollie B. Davis, Scottsburg, Grand Martha; Mary J. Todd, Bluffton, Grand Electa; Florence Pearson, Mitchell, Grand War.; Saran W. Burns, Indianapolis, Sentinel.

GLEANINGS.

COLORADO.

Columbine Chapter, Longmont, was organized March 28, by D. M. W. G. P., H. A. Baker. It is the youngest in the jurisdiction but is quite as lively as some of the older children.

Queen City Chapter, Denver, March 4, had a delightful literary and musical entertainment and dance. There were over 400 present, and it was 1:30 a. m. before "Home Sweet Home" was sounded by the orchestra. A check for over \$140 was turned into the treasury as net proceeds. To W. D. Pierce, chairman of the Committee of Arrangements is due the success of the entertainment.

CALIFORNIA.

Ungava Chapter, Riverside, enjoyed a most delightful visit from Mattie A. Farnum, G. M., April 15. By invitation the sisters met the G. M. socially at the home of the W. M., Louise E. Allen. "As one has but to see her that they may love her she captured the hearts of Ungava at once." At the meeting the degrees were conferred upon two candidates, after which many pleasant speeches were listened to, the gem of which was the address of the G. M. She complimented the officers in the proficiency of the work, and being perfect in the work, she saw at a glance where the mistakes were, and with loving words told where to find them. April 9. Ungava celebrated its second anniversary by a social meeting in the chapter-rooms, to which members of the craft and their families were invited. A very interesting program was well rendered, and an elegant banquet followed in which 200 participated. There were pleasant responses to toasts, and the rest of the evening was spent in card and other games. The chapter is in a flourishing condition, and many names are being received as petitioners.

CONNECTICUT.

April 21 a chapter was organized at Collinsville, with more than the usual promise of success. Prominent Masons seem much interested, and the young people are taking hold of the work with a will that promises much for the success of the Order there. Even the rain storm prevailing at the time did not seem to damp their ardor. The Grand Officers were well cared for and nicely entertained.

F. E. M.

DEAR EASTERN STAR—You lie on my desk as a gentle reminder that we are not alone in the work of this beautiful Order; no, from these lovely New England hills we stretch across the great loyal country to shake a cordial hand with you brothers and sisters, with you whose great heart of love and friendship is as broad as the prairie on which you live. We have the banner chapter of the State here. Why, do you ask? let me say first, we bear the name of Magnolia, and could we wish to be other than pure, white, and filled with sweet perfume as we look up-

on this open-hearted flower? Truly we wish as a chapter to imitate our namesake. We talk love and we are trying to practice what we preach. The Grand Chapter comes to Winsted because they are so nicely entertained, and also we are in the closest sympathy with all and every loyal chapter.

M. A. P.

ILLINOIS.

March 30, Wyoming Chapter received a visit from Central City Chapter, of Peoria. They came to exemplify the Floral Work, and it was exceedingly well done. A banquet closed a very pleasant evening.

At the regular meeting of Princeton Chapter, April 6, fifteen persons were initiated, after which a banquet was served. D. D. G. M., Mary McCorkle, of Wyoming, was present and expressed herself much pleased with the work. The W. M. of Wyoming Chapter, was also a guest.

Fern Chapter, Cuba, was organized in Feb. of last year and is prosperous. Its Con., Carrie Heller, has taken unto herself another name, and is now known as Mrs. Charles Owens, and the hope of her associates is, that "she will conduct Mr. Owens as perfectly as she has done her work in our Order."

March 24, Rising Sun Chapter, Aurora, very pleasantly entertained a large delegation from Miriam Chapter, Chicago, and Althea Chapter, U. D., Naperville, also the W. G. P., A. H. Wright, of Chicago, and Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec. The W. G. M., Sister Rickett, and D. D. G. M., Sister Winship, sent regrets. The supper was served from 5:30 to 7 o'clock at the hall, and promptly at 7:30 the chapter was opened in ample form, Jennie A. Walker, P. G. M., W. M. of the chapter presiding. Four members were admitted by affiliation and six by initiation. April 18, the chapter held its fourth annual Easter party.

DEAR EASTERN STAR—Our Order in Springfield is not only in a flourishing condition, but is being welcomed in new fields. If you will allow me space in your Illinois items, I should like to give an account of a delightful evening spent in Decatur. On Friday evening, quite a large number of Flower City Chapter hied them away to Decatur to enjoy a visit with the good sisters and brothers of Decatur Chapter, who had sent them a pressing invitation to come. Arrived at Decatur the visitors were met by a committee from the home chapter, sisters Mary A. Bradley and Metzger, and escorted to Masonic Hall, where they were received with due formality and witnessed the work of the evening, which was performed in Decatur's usual first-class style. The G. M., Jane M. Rickett, of Windsor, was also present, and received with grand honors. Following the work of the chapter, an elegant luncheon was served in the banquet-room, and after full justice had been done to the viands, toasts and speeches were in order until the midnight chimes told that the hour of separation had arrived, and with many a hearty hand-shake the visitors

took their departure, declaring they had been pleased, instructed and entertained beyond their anticipations. S. A. WATSON, W. M.

INDIANA.

Hope Chapter, Lafayette, has been called upon to part with one of its members by death, Sister Anna McPherson, whose death was peculiarly sad, in that it was the result of an operation for the removal of a tumor.

April 19, Kokomo chapter gave a delightfully pleasant entertainment consisting of musical and literary numbers. "The Queen of Beauty" was presented with all the necessary attractions to make it effective, closing with a tableau. Following, was the indispensable banquet. The favors were decorated Easter eggs.

Queen Esther Chapter celebrated its twentieth anniversary in a very quiet unpretentious manner. A special meeting was held and invitations were issued to all P. G. P's., P. G. M's., the G. and A. M's., G. and A. P's., and resident members of the Order. Many responded by sending regrets. A sketch of the chapter was read by Nettie Ransford, which was followed by remarks by several. It was a pleasant family re-union.

April 2 marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of Sister Louise Hawkins and her husband, and the event was celebrated by an evening gathering. The invitations were silver-tinted and the members of Queen Esther Chapter were very generally invited. The gifts were quite varied and beautiful, that of the Auxiliary was a set of sterling silver tea-spoons. The favors were carnation pinks, on which was tied with a white ribbon a silver bill.

Queen Esther Auxiliary held its April meetings with Sister Barnes, a member of Athens Chapter, and Sister Blodgett. Both meetings were well attended. The Auxiliary is proving itself worthy of its name, having purchased nine folding lunch tables, new stands and beautiful appropriately colored chairs for the star points, on each chair back is a perfumed pad with the name of the office embroidered. The stands have beautiful scarfs with the proper emblem embroidered on them. These are the gift of Sister Laura DeRuiter.

Columbia City Chapter, of which the G. M. is a member, made for itself a bright record on the evening of April 15. Invitations were extended to the G. M., G. P., and M. W. G. M., also to five surrounding chapters, Forest, Ivy, Eel River, Portland and Larwill, and the response was most generous, for the chapter-room was completely filled. The degrees were conferred upon two candidates, and the work was rendered with exceptional excellence. Each officer seemed fitted for that particular place, and there were singers among them which added greatly to the impressiveness of the work. At the close of the work they repaired to a hall about a square distant where was waiting a most sumptuous banquet, to which 200 did ample justice. The

table was exquisitely laid, and was only surpassed by the excellence of the viands. The sweet strains of the mandolin club brightened the occasion. The "Postprandial Program" was a thing of beauty. With P. P. Marshall as toast master, with his happy and fitting introductions and interludes all was complete. Sister Hunter, G. M., welcomed the guests while responses to the several toasts were made by G. P. Webber, P. G. M. Fanning, and others, the closing, "till we meet again," being responded to by Sister McNaggy, W. M., and was a most exquisitely beautiful crown to so royal an occasion. The delightful evening which Columbia City Chapter prepared for its guests will be a cherished remembrance.

FROM THE GRAND MATRON.

DEAR SISTER RANSFORD:—On Tuesday evening, March 30, by special invitation, I visited Terre Haute Chapter, O. E. S. The pleasure of this visit was enhanced by the presence of the M. W. G. M., who was an invited guest. Although the evening was somewhat inclement, the members, with their old-time interest, cordiality and hospitality, were present to the number of nearly 200. The entertainment of the evening consisted in the presentation of the "District School." This play, so admirably given by the members, under the leadership of Sister Goodwin, as "teacher," portrayed very forcibly, the customs of fifty years ago, when the "young ideas" were not "taught to shoot" under the improved methods of the present time. At the close of the entertainment, the large company was invited to the banquet-hall, where the ladies had out-rivalled themselves in spreading a sumptuous feast, where even fairy-land had been drawn from to add to the beauty of the tables—the "Brownies" being conspicuous by their presence. At its close, a very beautiful address of welcome was given by the Worthy Matron, Sister Lawrence, which was responded to by the invited guests. Bro. VanValzah then favored the chapter with a very interesting talk, after which all adjourned to the chapter-room, where the pleasant social was brought to a close by the inexorable train time, which upon all such occasions come too soon. But duty called elsewhere.

I accepted an invitation to visit Crescent Chapter Bluffton, on Wednesday evening, March 30. Here I found a most flourishing chapter of over 100 members, under the very efficient management of Sister North, as Worthy Matron. This Chapter has a large, new and elegantly furnished room in which to hold its meetings. Here is also the home of our sister, Mary E. Mason, P. G. M., whose interest in chapter work has in no wise abated. After the opening exercises, which were well given, pleasing words of welcome were spoken by Past Patron Todd, which were responded to by the guest of the evening. The entertainment which followed was the laughable "rag-baby drill," very finely executed under the direction of Bro. Todd, and very fine music was rendered by sisters Bly, Quick,

Davenport and Baumgartner. The chapter then repaired to the dining-hall, where a sumptuous banquet, prepared by the sisters, was enjoyed. The remainder of the evening was spent in social intercourse. This visit was particularly enjoyable to me, being my first visit to Crescent Chapter, circumstances having prevented my accepting a former invitation. I was prepared to meet a splendid working chapter, and was not disappointed.

Tuesday evening, April 5, was by invitation spent with Bourbon Chapter. I visited this chapter during last year and knew of the interest manifested by its members, and of their excellent work. However, it was a great pleasure to meet the old friends, and form the acquaintance of new ones. The initiatory work was rendered with their usual proficiency, two candidates being given the degrees. This chapter now numbers over eighty members, and is in a prosperous condition, with Sister and Brother France as Matron and Patron. After the close of the chapter, elegant refreshments were served in the chapter-room. At a late hour the members dispersed, all feeling that a most delightful evening had been spent together.

AUGUSTA V. HUNTER.

IOWA.

Clinton Chapter is constantly adding links to its chain, but the attendance has been somewhat interfered with by sickness among the members.

Orient Chapter, Manchester, gave a banquet on the evening of April 12, to the visiting members of Oelwein Chapter. The hall was beautifully decorated with potted plants and cut flowers. After the opening exercises were concluded the W. M. welcomed our guests by an address replete with many fine thoughts, after which the officers of Oelwein Chapter were invited to fill the stations made vacant by the courtesy of our officers, and to exemplify the work of the Order, which they did in a manner that showed careful study of the several parts. Two candidates were taken in. Thus the golden chain is gradually being lengthened, and we hope in the future when this chain will encircle the globe that Orient will stand second to none in furnishing her share of shining links. The evening was concluded by a sumptuous banquet. All took their leave of the visiting members, feeling that we had been much benefitted by their coming. This interchange of visits by the different chapters is a sure way of promoting the interest and sociability of the Order, and great good will be the result. H. M. H.

FROM THE GRAND MATRON.

March 23 "Home Sweet Home," met with my own Harmony Chapter, Council Bluffs, in special session, where two candidates were initiated into the Order. Modesty forbids too much praise, sufficient to say Harmony compares favorably with the other chapters in the State. Several sisters were present from the new chapter just started in South Omaha, Neb., and all expressed themselves as very

much pleased with the work here. One of the features of the occasion was the banquet served by the brothers at the close of the work. The sisters had been kept in the dark in regard to that, though they noticed most of the brothers stole out of the room before the closing ceremonies. After the chapter was declared closed, the doors leading to the dining-room were thrown open, and with much ceremony all were ushered therein, and beheld the brothers clothed in white jackets, aprons, etc., ranged around the tables with folded arms and all the dignity of a pullman dining-car waiter. After the guests were seated, they were handed elaborate menu cards with all kinds of impossible dishes from "Broiled Whale" to "Tallow Pudding with Missouri River sauce," but unfortunately none of the dishes called for appeared, they being just out of each one, but finally they really did serve first-class refreshments, after which all adjourned to the parlors for a social time, declaring the brother's banquet a success.

March 29, I met with Carr Chapter, Milton. This is a chapter which has been dormant for three years, but this year it has taken on new life, and I was surprised and pleased to see the manner in which the members did the work, not needing nearly the assistance I had expected. Mrs. Mary Spence, W. M.; Dr. Gilfillan, W. P.; Jennie Bauch, Sec.

March 30, met with Friendship Chapter, Bloomfield; found them very hospitable and kind, and the chapter in a fairly good condition, with a good attendance, but here, as in many more chapters, too many rituals were seen, the members, or many of them, not thinging it of sufficient importance to commit their work, if only this be done, their chapter has material in it to make one of the best in the State. Sadie Dunlap, W. M.; Dr. Allender, W. P.; Jennie Hathaway, Sec.

March 31 and April 1, met with and instituted Ottumwa Chapter, Ottumwa, with thirty charter members, all of whom showed a great interest in the work. I have no doubt the officers of this chapter will, in a very short time, cast aside the rituals and be able to go through the work entirely without a book. Sister J. A. Sutton, W. M., Dr. B. F. Hyatt, W. P.; L. W. Sutton, Sec.

April 2, met with Bethlehem Chapter, Mt. Pleasant. I expected to see good work here, and was not disappointed, though this chapter has labored under some disadvantage during the past year, it is sure to keep up its former reputation for good work under one of the brightest W. M's. of the State. A banquet and social followed. Among the first to welcome me was an old friend, Father Schriener, Grand Sentinel of the Order in Iowa, who has been quite sick with the Grippe, and was out for the first time that day since his illness. Sister S. E. Woods, W. M.; T. J. VanHorn, W. P.; Sister Jessie Rand, Sec.

April 5, met with Fairfield Chapter, which is composed of some of the best people of this

pretty town, but here again, too many rituals, though the work was very nicely done, and I think in a short time, with the example of the W. M. before them the rituals will be abandoned. Belle Hinkle, W. M.; Dr. D. H. Worthington, W. P.; Emma W. Clarke, Sec.

April 6, inspected Knoxville Chapter, and found the members a bright, energetic set of people, with officers very efficient. This chapter has been laboring under disadvantages the past year, which would have daunted a less persevering chapter, but under the leadership of their bright little W. M. they are determined to conquer their troubles and never say die. Sarah G. French, W. M.; J. S. Bellamy, W. P.; Kate Aldrich, Sec.

April 7 and 8, instituted Oriental Chapter, Lovilla, though this is only a small town, I think their chapter will not be small, either in numbers or ability. They start out with a good set of officers, and will, I feel sure, prove a credit and valuable addition to our Order in the State. Josie Parsons, W. M.; Lewis Williams, W. P.; Jerry Wilcox, Sec.

April 12, visited Algona Chapter. It is composed of a very happy and harmonious set of members, all working together in harmony, and although some corrections were necessary, and some rituals seen, I feel sure that in a short time neither will be needed, as they possess a first-class W. M. and W. P. to lead them on. Sister F. M. Taylor, W. M.; Dr. James Warren, W. P.; M. F. Randall, Sec.

April 13, was the day arranged to institute a chapter in Eagle Grove, but a blizzard came up that day, which by evening proved so bad none of the ladies could venture out. The meeting was postponed to April 14, when Eagle Chapter was instituted with thirty charter members. This chapter has young, unmarried ladies as Matron and Asso. Matron, and I am a little curious to see whether the girls, or the matrons will have the most successful chapters. The former are very bright and we older ones will have to look to our laurels or they will be taking them from us. Fanny Filkins, W. M.; J. L. Clark, W. P.; D. Filkins, Sec.

The pleasant time enjoyed in the company of, and the hearty welcome given by our new members, as well as our older sisters and brothers, goes far to put aside the homesickness which will sometimes assail one, who until a few months ago, was seldom absent from home a night in her life. M. J.

KANSAS.

Ellsworth Chapter is doing nicely, eight petitions were received at a recent meeting.

A chapter was organized at Burden by D. W. Cooley, W. P., from Oxford, one of the best chapters in the State.

Morning Star Chapter was organized at Milan. April 2, by Elizabeth Richmond, W. M. of South Haven, with Dora Weller, W. M.; J. E. Bissell, W. P.; Josie Pool, A. M.; C. J. Stillwell, Sec.

Although Estella Chapter has great sorrows to endure by the death of dear and earn-

est workers, they are truly a band of sisters and brothers, as all chapters should be, and strive to emulate the principles we teach.

The chapter at Neodesha is taking on new life, two petitions were received at its last meeting. A public supper was given March 17, which was a marked success, and the proceeds will be used for furnishing for the chapter-room.

March 5, Una Chapter was instituted at Hoisington, by Sister Geraldine Ogden, W. M. of Lyons. This is sufficient to insure a good chapter, for Sister Ogden is Matron of one of the best chapters in the State. Officers appointed, Sister H. L. Dyer, W. M.; L. F. Johnson, W. P.; Irene Johnson, A. M.; R. Wehr, Sec.

Union Chapter, of Ottawa, has held two pleasant socials recently, one a masquerade, at the home of the Secretary, Sister Frazen. It was a success financially and socially. Another last Tuesday evening at Mrs. Dr. Hughes. The proceeds is to be used for robes. The chapter, under the management of its present W. M., Sister Shaner, bids fair to resume its old-time energy.

Sister Sarah Reeves, W. M. of Alemene, organized an interesting chapter at Norton, March 15. This new chapter is another bright link added this year. They all seem ready and willing to receive all instructions that will in any way brighten the labyrinth. Mrs. Lizzie White presides with ease and dignity as the Matron, Richard White, W. P.; Eva Wheeler, A. M.; Wilson Adams, Sec.

Walter R. Barnett and Hattie M. Brown, both members of Adah Chapter, Lawrence, were united in marriage Wednesday, April 6. It was a very pretty home wedding celebrated at "high noon." The ring ceremony was used, the wedding ring being concealed in a beautiful calla lily, carried by a little tot of four years, the daughter of Worthy Matron Leonard. Mrs. Barnett is the daughter of J. Ira Brown, P. G. P., and is the present A. C. of Adah Chapter. The many lovely presents received, among them a handsome side-board, the gift of O. E. S. friends, testified to the high appreciation in which the young couple are held.

Olive Chapter held its regular meeting April 5. Most of the officers were at their places and about fifty members were present. One candidate received the degrees, two petitions were balloted on and elected and fourteen petitions were received. It looks as though Olive will be perfect in its work this year, if the old adage be true that "practice makes perfect." Many of our new petitioners have just gone through the Commandry, and are young gentlemen. We extend the hand of welcome to them and will try and make their coming among us pleasant as well as profitable in the large field of labor. We hope to see Olive Chapter well represented at our Grand Chapter this year. J. M. P.

At a recent meeting of Eva Chapter, Independence, a very pleasant incident occurred.

Through the kindness of Sister Viretta Hooper a beautiful gavel of polished snake wood bound with a silver band, upon which was engraved, "Viretta Hooper to Eva Chapter, Independence, Kansas." It is much admired, and in compliance with Sister Hooper's wish, is used by all the Masonic bodies that meet in the room. The presentation was made by Bro. A. B. Clark, also a beautiful Past Matron's badge was presented to the last P. M., Sister Lucia A. Clark, the presentation being made by Bro. M. F. Wood. Both of these gifts were received by Sister Hooper as a premium for a large list of subscribers to THE EASTERN STAR.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—March 16, Emporia at Masonic Temple. The Royal Arch Masons after completing their work, were invited by the sisters of Miriam Chapter to the banquet-hall, where they were treated to a very tempting spread, after which all repaired to the Lodge-room, indulging in cards, dancing and other social amusements. At a late hour the party bade each other farewell, declaring the sisters artists at entertaining. At the regular meeting, March 23, seven candidates passed through the labyrinth of our Star, two were elected, and ten are knocking at the door. Sister M. J. Short, of Trenton, Mo., P. M. of Miriam, also Sister Fannie Emory, W. M. of Fern Chapter, U. D., Mulvaine, were our visitors, each giving us words of cheer for the good of the Order. H.

Olive Chapter called a special meeting on March 22, in honor of the Grand Matron. We could not get the hall to render our work, as "Royal Arch" had work that night, but they kindly gave us the use of the parlor and banquet-rooms. We held a reception of music and recitations, and gave all of our members a chance to meet our Grand Matron and exchange ideas in the work. After the Royal Arch were through work, the folding doors were thrown open and they were invited to join us in the banquet. Olive Chapter regretted that they could not render the work for our Grand Matron, but owing to not being able to get a hall and the hard storm that was prevailing, we did the best we could and all tried to make her welcome among us. She was the guest of Sister Pearsall during her stay in the city.

Miriam Chapter, Emporia, is awake and doing in every direction, working incessantly for Masonry in its grandest sense. A third banquet since Jan. 1, was furnished by its members for chapter No. 12, R. A. M., upon the completion of work in the R. A. degree, the brothers respond liberally with their exchequer and words of commendation, thereby enabling Miriam to grow in numbers and replenish its treasure and effects. Twenty-eight yards of damask have been purchased for their banquet-room tables, and a committee was appointed to thoroughly renovate this room and culinary department. March 30 the degrees were conferred on Miss Ellen Plumb (sister of the late Senator) and others. Visitors from Trenton, Mo., and Mulvane, Kan.,

were in attendance. April 4, our W. M., Sister Abbie H. Gibson, re-constituted Fall Chapter, at Cottonwood Falls, with a membership of 28. M.

By the recent storm and cyclone the pretty little city of Towanda was laid in ruins, destruction to life and property was very great, everything being swept away by the storm king. Towanda Chapter, of this place, suffered with the Masonic fraternity in the loss of their hall, and yet the portion of the building which held their effects was not so badly damaged but that they were able to secure most of their belongings and chapter property. The W. P., J. D. Godfrey, was killed, his aged sister, a member of the Order, was left homeless and helpless. The chapter is making an effort to rebuild her home. Bro. and Sister Cupp lost a son, and many others were heavy losers financially by this tornado. By the efforts of the G. M., Ivy Leaf Chapter contributed \$20.00 to their relief, and other chapters have signified their willingness to assist. The Masonic Hall at Kiaro was also badly wrecked. Shasta Chapter, U. D., lost their dispensation and some other effects, but not too much discouraged have asked for a charter and sent their fee. This is commendable in them.

Miriam Chapter, Emporia, has been doing very nice things of late, they were not satisfied in re-electing Sister Abbie H. Gibson W. M. again this year, but they had to get up a genuine surprise on her. Friday, April 8, being Brother and Sister Gibson's 19th wedding anniversary, the chapter, in the appreciation of her untiring efforts in the work and the personal esteem in which she is held by the members, met at the home of Brother and Sister T. C. Watson and proceeded to Sister Gibson's home and simply took possession thereof. Brother Gibson having been let into the secret, had taken his wife down in the city on some excuse, so the chapter had clear and uninterrupted passage into her home. When Brother and Sister Gibson returned they found their home crowded with members of Miriam Chapter, which was a most complete surprise to their W. M. After becoming composed she bade them all a hearty welcome. At a proper time in the evening Sister Gibson was escorted to the center of her parlors and there in a few well chosen words was presented by Sister Josie H. Watson, on behalf of Miriam Chapter, with an elegant solid silver gold-lined nut bowl engraved "To Abbie H. Gibson, April 8, 1892. From Miriam Chapter, No. 14, O. E. S." Sister Gibson made a few touching remarks in thanking the chapter for their love and esteem so profoundly expressed for her and the Order. Refreshments were then served by the sisters fit for the queens and kings, and at a late hour the members returned to their homes to remember one of the most pleasant occasions in the history of Miriam Chapter. II.

MAINE.

Golden Rod Chapter, Rockland, although

organized with a very large charter list, is at every meeting receiving petitions and initiating new members.

MICHIGAN.

Olive Chapter, Sturgis, after the lapse of four years, is called upon to mourn the loss of one of its oldest and most faithful members, Sister Mary A. Hall. She was six years Secretary, and over twenty years organist. The floral offering of the chapter was a beautiful star and flowers for the casket. At the chapter meeting of April 6, four candidates were initiated. Fifty leather-covered opera chairs have been furnished for the Masonic Temple, and half the cost was paid by the chapter.

Mt. Pleasant Chapter held a special meeting April 16, for the purpose of initiation. The work was well rendered, and almost entirely without the aid of rituals. The appearance of the room was greatly improved by a beautiful new floor Star with spreads of appropriate colors upon the tables at each point of the Star. The Con., A. M. and W. M., each had a spread of the five colors. Near the close very entertaining and complimentary remarks were made by the Rev. G. I. McCandless, G. Chap. of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, which were well received. Mt. Pleasant Chapter extends a welcome to all members of the Order who may be visiting in our city.

MONTANA.

Miriam Chapter, Helena, is in a very flourishing condition; forty-three members were initiated the past year, and so far this year we had work every meeting, with more candidates and more petitions for our next meeting. The work is done wholly without the aid of the ritual, and there is always a good attendance. At our last meeting, March 22, our chapter-room was crowded to its utmost capacity to witness the exemplification of the Floral Work for the first time in Montana. The room was beautifully decorated with smilax and cut flowers, which made the air redolent with their perfume. To say that everything passed off pleasantly only mildly expresses it. The officers were highly complimented on the efficient manner in which they did the work, entirely from memory and not a single mistake of any kind occurred. It showed the zeal and earnestness that characterizes the officers and members of this chapter in anything pertaining to the welfare of the Order. After closing, the chapter adjourned to the banquet-hall, where they were

delightfully surprised at the beautiful artistic decorations which Sister Fretz had prepared specially for the occasion. Miriam Chapter is noted for its nice banquets, but this one, under the able supervision of two of our young sisters, Misses Buscher and Frank, surpassed all former efforts. A number of appropriate toasts were tendered and responded to in a very impressive manner. The "Floral Addenda," Mrs. Hedges; "First impressions of the Order," Prof. R. G. Young; "The Gentleman," Mrs. Horsky; "The duties of new members," Mrs. Kirkendall; "Masonry," Sol Hepner. Thus ended another one of Miriam's pleasant and profitable evenings, and all departed feeling that the lesson taught had made deep and lasting impressions upon them. THE EASTERN STAR is a regular visitor at our chapter, and we appointed a committee of two to solicit subscriptions for it, and no doubt ere this you have received the list which we hope will be a lengthy one. L. S. R.

MISSOURI.

Tuscan Chapter, at its last meeting, April 2, initiated six candidates, after which they had a banquet.

We also re-organized Crown and Sceptre, Hannibal. Our G. M., Mary E. Wakefield, of Kansas City, and our G. P., Dr. J. J. McElwee, of Chain of Rocks, are indefatigable workers. They always slumber with their eyes wide open, waiting for the rich harvest.

Bellefontaine, April 12, initiated two candidates. We had present with us at this meeting Sister Ransford, M. W. G. M.; Bro. Lynds, M. W. G. P.; Sister Snedden, R. W. A. G. M., and Sister Pitkin, R. W. G. S.

Tuscan Chapter was called upon to mourn the death of one of its sisters, Mrs. Kate, beloved wife of Sol Wagoner. She leaves besides her husband, two daughters and one son, to mourn her loss. She was a devoted wife and fond and loving mother, a true Christian and a member of the M. E. Church. She was beloved by all who knew her.

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